UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

PARAMOUNT PARKS INC. :

Plaintiff,

CASE No. 07 CV 10595 (SHS)

v.

:

LESTER NAIL

Defendant.

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Jill S. Kirila, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, hereby declares under penalty of perjury as follows:

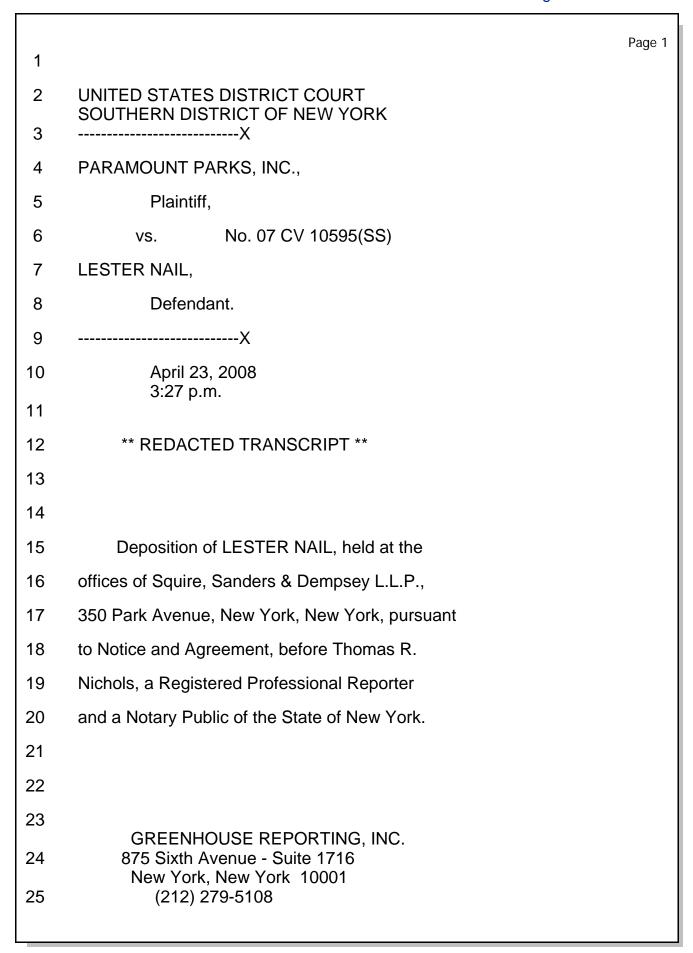
- 1. I am a member of the bar of the State of Ohio and admitted *pro hac vice* in this Court in the above matter. I am a partner in the law firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P., attorneys for Plaintiff Paramount Parks Inc. ("PPI").
- 2. I submit this declaration in support of PPI's Motion for Protective Order and Attorneys' Fees (the "Motion") filed contemporaneously herewith.
- 3. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a copy of the transcript of the deposition of Defendant Lester Nail, with the exception of the portions marked confidential that are unrelated to the Motion.
- 4. Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a copy of the transcript of the deposition of Mr. Craig Freeman.
- 5. Attached hereto as Exhibit 3 is a copy of the March 10, 2008 electronic mail message that I sent to counsel for Defendant, along with the attached Affidavits of Mr. Richard Kinzel and Mr. Peter Crage.
 - 6. Attached hereto as Exhibit 4 is a copy of the Court transcript from the February

29, 2008 Court Conference.

- 7. Attached hereto as Exhibit 5 is a copy of Mr. Nail's Employment Agreement.
- 8. Attached hereto as Exhibit 6 is a copy of the July 27, 2006 letter sent to Mr. Nail.
- 9. Attached hereto as Appendix 1 are copies of all unreported, docketed cases cited in PPI's Memorandum of Law in Support of the Motion.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and understanding.

Executed this 2nd day of May, 2008.		
	/s/ Jill S. Kirila	
	Jill S. Kirila	



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2	APPEARANCES:	2	A. As counsel, yes.
3		3	 Q. In a deposition my client is entitled
4	SQUIRE, SANDERS & DEMPSEY L.L.P.	4	to ask you questions that you are required to
5	Attorneys for Plaintiff	5	answer under oath.
6	1300 Huntington Center	6	Do you understand that part of it?
7	41 South High Street	7	A. Yes.
8	Columbus, Ohio 43215-6197	8	Q. As the court reporter just reminded
9	BY: JILL S. KIRILA, ESQ.	9	you, if we could take turns with our questions and
10		10	responses that will make the record more clear and
11	LITTLER MENDELSON	11	enable both of our questions and responses to be
12	A Professional Corporation	12	taken down hopefully accurately. OK?
13	Attorneys for Defendant	13	A. Sure.
14	885 Third Avenue	14	Q. Also, because you are answering under
15	New York, New York 10022-4834	15	oath today, it is important that you understand my
16	BY: A. MICHAEL WEBER, ESQ.	16	questions, and so I will ask you if you do not
17	DT. A. WICHALL WEDER, ESQ.	17	understand one of my questions will you let me
18		18	know?
19		19	A. Yes.
20		20	Q. Otherwise I will assume that you've
21		21	understood and answered the question that I've
22		22	asked. Is that fair?
23		23	A. Yes.
24		24	Q. Is there any reason you could not
25		25	testify truthfully here today?
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3	Q. I just want to follow up real quickly	3	deposition?
4	on the deposition you gave in your capacity as	4	A. I told my boss that I was having my
5	counsel for Wal-Mart.	5	deposition taken today, and in the case which he
6	What type of case was that?	6	was already familiar with the case, and told her I
7	A. It was an employment case.	7	would be either out most well, all of today and
8	Q. Why were you asked to testify in a	8	possibly tomorrow.
9	deposition in that matter?	9	Q. What is your boss's name?
10	A. That's a good question. I don't know	10	A. Rhonda Parish. P-a-r-i-s-h.
11	and it was very short deposition. Overly	11	Q. Do you know how she first became
12	aggressive plaintiff attorney.	12	familiar with this case?
13	Q. A lot of privileged objections I would	13	A. Yes, I informed her of it.
14	imagine?	14	Q. Do you know when?
15	A. Yes.	15	A. It was at some point after the
16	Q. Do you remember the nature of the	16	complaint was filed. I believe.
17	employment?	17	Q. What did you tell her about the case?
18	A. I don't. A long time ago.	18	A. I told her that I was being sued by
19	Q. What documents did you review in	19	Paramount Parks in a dispute over my employment
20	preparation for your deposition?	20	agreement.
21	A. I looked at the complaint. I looked	21	Q. Anything else that you told her with
22	at the answer. I looked at the interrogatories	22	respect to the case?
23	that were filed. I looked at some documents that	23	A. I told her it related to the terms of
24	your client produced. I think that's it.	24	the willing, ready and able and Paramount Parks'
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I told her to tell Sandy that I said hi. And, you

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A. Yes. We were, there were claims

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2	claims that I had had that had been denied because	2	Q. Did you, do you remember when you closed the sale on your North Carolina house?
3	of the changeover. When I was terminated I got a	3	<u> </u>
4	new number, you know, a health card number. And I	4	A. I do not remember the date. They
5	had not I had made some claims under my old	5	changed the date on us several times.
6	number. Actually, quite a few claims. And all of	6	Q. Did you live in your North Carolina
7	those claims had been denied because we had given	7	home following the closing?
8	the health care providers my old number. Because	8	A. Yes. For a short period of time.
9	I hadn't been given the new COBRA number.	9	Q. Do you recall for how long?
10	Now, this is not related to the	10	A. A week or two.
11	changeover that those documents represented. This	11	Q. So the buyer let you stay in after
12	was back. So there was an ongoing issue of trying	12	A. Well, it was a yes. The answer's
13	to resolve claims and trying to get the right	13	is yes. It got complicated.
14	number.	14	Q. Anything else you recall about the
15	Q. And Sandy would have provided you with	15	conversation between Sandy Cranford and your wife
16	that number?	16	and/or you?
17	A. Yes.	17	A. No.
18	Q. Did you in fact get the right number?	18	Q. Were there more than one such
19	A. Eventually we did.	19	telephone conversations that you can recall?
20	Q. And your claims were paid for	20	A. Not that day.
21	A. Yes, they were.	21	Q. On other days?
22	Q after you were provided the number?	22	A. I did not have any further
23	A. Yes, they were.	23	conversations with Sandy after that day. I do not
24	Q. And you're not sure exactly when, I	24	know if my wife did or not.
25	mean, you believe it was in May of 2007 that this	25	Q. Did your wife ever relay any other
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3	A. Yes, he did.	3	A. No.
4	Q. Who was that?	4	Q. Did he tell you with respect to his
5	A. I don't remember.	5	circumstances anything about that?
6	Q. But you did not retain that	6	A. I think he said he was going to take
7	individual?	7	some time to finish his work on his Ph.D.
8	A. No, I did not.	8	Q. Do you recall anything else
9	Q. Let's go back before that conversation	9	specifically that Mr. Weber said during that first
10	with Mr. Weber. Had you spoken with him at any	10	conversation you had with him following your
11	point after your termination without cause	11	termination without cause?
12	provisions were triggered in your employment	12	A. Not specifically.
13	agreement?	13	Q. You would not have discussed the
14	A. Yes.	14	employment agreements in detail at that point,
15	Q. Tell me the first time you spoke with	15	correct?
16	him after that point.	16	A. No, I don't believe so.
17	A. After my termination.	17	Q. What other occasions did you speak
18	O. Yes.	18	with Mr. Weber following your termination without
19	A. I can't give you a date. It was, um,	19	cause?
20	some period, I mean, it was when was that?	20	A. I spoke to him last night.
21	'06? The fall of '06? So I just too remember.	21	Q. Between then and then the second call
22	Thirty or sixty days after that.	22	when you called him after you received the
23	Q. Did you call him or did he call you?	23	complaint and last night, were there any other
24	A. I don't remember. I don't remember	24	conversations or communications between you and
25	who called who.	25	Mr. Weber?
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1 2	Q. What did Mr. Weber say?	1 2	Mr. Freeman that that was only his interpretation?
3	A. He said that several had tried and to	3	A. No, he didn't characterize it that
4	his knowledge none were successful.	4	way.
5	Q. Did you ask him any other questions?	5	Q. Anything else that you and Mr. Weber
6	A. I told him that Cedar Fair that	6	discussed last night?
7	Cedar Fair was of course still suing me and he	7	A. No.
8	informed me he had received a call from	8	Q. Did you ask him to testify in this
9	Mr. Freeman asking about an employment agreement	9	matter?
10	and he told me what he told Mr. Freeman.	10	A. No.
11	Q. What did he say?	11	Q. Did he share any details regarding his
12	A. He said he told Mr. Freeman that it	12	own employment situation and separation from PPI?
13	was his understanding that the employment	13	A. Yes.
14	agreement and the section about not working for	14	Q. What did he tell you?
15	anyone else or the ready, the willing, able and	15	A. He said he had worked something out
16	ready section did not mean that I could not work	16	with Dick personally.
17	for anyone else and that it was not intended to	17	Q. Did he share the details of that?
18	mean that I had to be available 24/7 or even in I	18	A. No, he did not.
19	think his exact words, it didn't mean I had to be	19	 Q. Did he tell you that that was subject
20	available to work a 40-hour week, that the intent	20	to a confidentiality agreement?
21	was that I needed to be available if the company	21	A. No.
22	needed me for ongoing, you know, stuff that had	22	Q. Or just didn't share the details?
23	been going on while I was there for, you know,	23	A. He did not share the details with me.
24	assistance, for, you know, consultation.	24	Q. Are you aware whether or not your
25	Q. Were you aware that Mr. Weber was not	25	employment agreement was the same employment
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1	L. Nail	1	L. Nail
2	involved in the drafting of that, of your	2	agreement as that held by Mr. Weber?
3	employment contract?	3	A. It was my understanding it was
4	MR. WEBER: Objection as to form.	4	different.
5	A. I was aware that as president and CEO	5	Q. Anything else that you talked with
6	of the company Mr. Weber told me that he was going	6	Mr. Weber?
7	to get a contract for me and he was taking steps	7	A. No.
8	to get a contract after my promotion.	8	Q. And those are the only times that you
9	Q. OK, and we'll get into that in a	9	spoke with him since your termination without
10	little bit. What else did Mr. Weber and you	10	cause.
11	discuss during the conversation last night?	11	A. I believe so.
12	A. I asked him about an individual that I	12	Q. Anyone else that you discussed this
13	mistakenly thought was seriously ill and I was	13	case with that we haven't talked about already?
14	mistaken.	14	A. Can we review who we have identified?
15	Q. Nothing to do with this?	15	Q. Sure. You told me your wife, Wanda
16	A. Nothing to the with this, no.	16	Parish, your sister and Al Weber. And I'm not
17	Q. Other than the ready, willing and able	17	asking about your attorneys.
18	did you discuss any other portions or provisions	18	A. OK. I believe that's it.
19	of your employment agreement?	19	And its Rhonda, with an R.
20	A. No.	20	Q. Oh, Rhonda, I'm sorry.
21	Q. Did he share with you where his	21	A. That's OK.
22	understanding of the clause ready, willing and	22	MS. KIRILA: Mark this as Plaintiff's
23	able came from?	23	Exhibit 1.
24	A. No.	24	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 1, two-page
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25 25	Q. Did he share with you that he told	25	résumé of Lester C. Nail, marked for

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2	Q. And you did practice law in each of	2	A. Correct.
3	these the first position you have here starts	3	Q. And you started as vice president,
4	in 1985. Are all of these positions in some	4	associate counsel?
5	capacity relating to the practice of law?	5	A. I don't
6	A. Either as private practice or	6	Q. Why don't you tell me what you did
7	in-house, correct.	7	when you started?
8	Q. What kind of law did you practice at	8	A. At Paramount Parks.
9	Wallace, Dover & Dixon?	9	Q. Yes, at Paramount Parks.
10	A. Mostly labor and employment.	10	A. I literally don't remember what my
11	Q. And Simpson & Graham?	11	titles was.
12	A. It was more general practice.	12	Q. What were your duties?
13	Q. Young & Perl?	13	A. To handle all the contracts, all the
14	A. It was all labor and employment.	14	litigation, with some exceptions. At the time I
15	Q. How about at Wal-Mart, what did you do	15	was hired there was a general counsel and there
16	there?	16	were some things that he retained. Some
17	A. Labor and employment.	17	litigation he handled.
18	Q. And Food Lion?	18	But for the most part I took over most
19	A. Food Lion I was vice president of	19	of the litigation, most if not all the contract
20	legal affairs, which meant I managed the legal	20	review and any legal advice to the business units,
21	department and which comprised of several	21	employment issues. That sort of thing.
22	attorneys. I also had several nonattorneys who	22	Q. When you say handled the contracts,
23	reported to me.	23 24	what type of contracts?
24 25	Q. I had asked you earlier if you had ever been deposed before and you said one time.	25	A. It could be anything from a 20,000
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3 A. In Charlotte. 3 A. It was sometime	shortly after
4 Q. How long was Mr. Taylor general 4 Mr. Taylor left.	
5 counsel while you were associate counsel or 5 Q. Sometime in 2003	2?
6 in-house? 6 A. Correct.	
7 A. Not long. 7 Q. How long did he	stay as general
8 Q. Do you recall when he left or was no 8 counsel?	
	eral counsel I believe
10 A. I'm thinking sometime in the spring of 10 through the fall of '06. Or	was it '05?
11 '06 after I started. About three months after I 11 Q. Try it this way.	
12 started. He left. 12 A. When did Cedar F	air buy us?
13 Q. As general counsel. 13 Q. Cedar Fair bough	t in June of '06.
14 A. I'm sorry. What was the question 14 A. OK. June of '06,	SO
15 again? 15 Q. Your employment	t agreement was '05.
16 Q. My understanding is you started in 16 A. '05. So Mike left	before it would
17 2002. 17 have been the fall of '05.	
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3	discussed something with me, but I don't recall.	3	A. What do you mean by administration?
4	Q. No specific recollection	4	Q. Well, let me ask it this way. What
5	A. No.	5	role did you have with respect to those employment
6	Q of dealing with any particular	6	contracts? If any.
7	executive situation?	7	A. I don't well, I did not negotiate
8	A. Well, I will have to ask the question	8	them. I did not draft them. I think it's fair to
9	of what's the definition of executive? I mean,	9	say I had just had general knowledge that those
10	there were some	10	individuals had contracts.
11	Q. Sure.	11	Q. Do you know whether this was before
12	A senior people that I know that HR	12	this general knowledge of the employment
13	consulted with me and Mike Bartok. The VP of HR,	13	contracts if this was before or after you
14	Mike Bartok and myself would discuss situations.	14	signed your employment agreement with PPI?
15	Q. Let me narrow it down.	15	A. This was before.
16	A. OK.	16	Q. Before. So these individuals would
17	Q. With respect to anybody that had a	17	have had existing contracts at the time that you
18	written employment contract.	18	entered into yours? Is that your understanding?
19	A. I can't answer that question because	19	A. Yes.
20	at the time I did not know who had contracts and	20	Q. Do you know who was involved in the
21	who did not.	21	drafting of those contracts for those individuals
22	Q. So you can't have a specific	22	that you listed?
23	recollection that of seeing a particular contract	23	A. I do not.
24	of someone at PPI at that time.	24	Q. I'm going to hand you what was
25	A. Well, can we put some boundaries	25	previously marked as Defendant's Exhibit B, which
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2	received it what did you do with it?	2	Q. In fact, you did not suggest any
3	A. I signed it.	3	changes to it, correct?
4	Q. Did you sign it that day?	4	A. No, I did in the.
5	A. I don't remember.	5	Q. Do you know what other Paramount park
6	Q. Did you retain counsel to review it?	6	employees were presented with an agreement at or
7	A. No.	7	about the same time that you were?
8	Q. Did you discuss it with anyone?	8	And I think for the record I said your
9	A. I may have discussed it with my wife.	9	agreement was 2005, but this is January 2006.
10	I may have discussed it with Mike Koontz. And I'm	10	A. Correct.
11	certain I discussed it with Al Weber.	11	Q. OK.
12	Q. Let me start with Mr. Koontz. What	12	A. And I'm sorry. The question is?
13	did you discuss with respect to the agreement with	13	MR. KIRILA: Could you read back the
14	Mr. Koontz?	14	question.
15	A. Whether or not I should attempt to	15	A. I'm not sure if this is responsive,
16	negotiate it or just sign it and move on.	16	but let me, the I was aware that there were a
17	Q. What did he say?	17	couple of individuals who their contracts were
18	A. Sign it and move on.	18	expiring or close to expiring, and quite frankly
19	Q. Did he say why?	19	through sitting through Mr. Freeman's deposition
20	A. Because we were hot and heavy into due	20	it refreshed my memory that Pat Jones received a
21	diligence. We were extremely busy. He did not	21	contract and he named a few others that I had
22	feel like it would be in my best interest to try	22	forgotten.
23	to, you know, negotiate it.	23	But I knew that David Thornton's
24	Q. So when this agreement was presented	24	contract was up for renewal or was getting close
25	to you, you were aware that the company was	25	to expiring. Pat Jones got a new one. And I
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3	Q. And who was based in New York that it	3	thinking about doing it and actually doing it my
4	would come from?	4	memory gets blurred, if I actually did it or I
5	A. I literally don't know.	5	just thought about doing it.
6	Q. Do you know that's where CBS was	6	Q. Would those conversations have
7	headquartered?	7	occurred before you received the actual physical
8	A. Correct. Well, let me rephrase that.	8	agreement?
9	I know it was coming from the HR department of	9	A. Correct.
10	CBS.	10	Q. How about in just limiting to after
11	Q. OK.	11	you received the agreement? Anyone at CBS you
12	A. I know that.	12	recall or that you know that you discussed the
13	Q. Did you have any	13	employment agreement with?
14	A. I'm sorry, but I don't know an	14	A. There may have been discussions about
15	individual.	15	contracts in general during due diligence, but I
16	Q. Got you. Did you have any discussions	16	don't recall discussing my contract specifically
17	with anyone from HR CBS regarding your employment	17	with any attorney from CBS or any, anybody at CBS.
18	agreement?	18	 Q. Did you have any role in distributing
19	A. No.	19	the employment agreements to the other executives
20	Q. I think, and tell me if I'm correct,	20	who were getting new contracts at or about the
21	the individual who signed this agreement looks	21	time that you received yours?
22	like an Anthony. Do you know recognize that	22	A. I don't believe so. I don't recall.
23	signature?	23	 Q. Anyone else at PPI that you discussed
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25	Q. It looks like it says EVP HR and	25	it, at about the time that you received it and
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Page 58 Page 60 1 L. Nail 1 L. Nail 2 2 making 150, but I'm not sure. interpretation. My interpretation is that this 3 3 employment term runs until December of '1, 2007 Q. I direct your attention to paragraph 4 5. I'll just read that into the record: 4 regardless of whether you have been terminated 5 5 without cause. "Executive agrees to devote all 6 customary business time and attention to the 6 A. Well, that is where I disagree with 7 affairs of Paramount, except during vacation 7 you. 8 periods and reasonable periods of illness or other 8 Q. And tell me why. 9 9 incapacity consistent with the practices of A. I think once I am terminated without 10 Paramount for executives in comparable positions, 10 cause that this sentence does not apply. Q. Which sentence are you referring to? 11 and agrees that executive services shall be 11 12 completely exclusive to Paramount during the term 12 A. The sentence that says -- well, 13 hereof. Executive further agrees to comply with actually, the entire paragraph 5. It does not 13 14 all applicable Paramount policies, as described in apply once I am terminated without cause and I am 14 15 the Paramount Personnel Policy Manual." 15 notified my services are no longer needed by PPI. 16 My question to you goes to the clause 16 Q. And I'm trying to get just your with respect to "agrees that executive's services general understanding as to whether you would 17 17 18 shall be completely exclusive to Paramount during 18 agree with me that the employment term as defined 19 the term hereof." 19 herein could extend beyond your termination 20 20 without cause by this agreement. How did you interpret that clause with 21 21 MR. WEBER: Objection, asked and respect to --22 MR. WEBER: Objection. Calls for a 22 answered. 23 23 Q. You can answer again. legal conclusion. 24 Q. You can still answer. How do you 24 A. I don't agree with you. 25 interpret that clause with respect to that your Q. OK. So you believe that the 25 Page 59 Page 61 1 L. Nail 1 L. Nail 2 services shall be completely exclusive to 2 employment term would end effective as of your 3 Paramount? What does that mean to you? 3 termination without cause date? 4 A. What that means to me is while I am 4 MR. WEBER: Objection, asked and 5 actively employed by Paramount Park, Inc., that I 5 answered. 6 am to -- my services shall be completely exclusive MS. KIRILA: No, that wasn't asked. 6 7 to Paramount. 7 Q. But you can answer. 8 Q. But you would agree with me that the 8 A. No, I'm not sure what you're asking. 9 9 Q. OK. Let me try to rephrase. Here I'm term of this agreement could conceivably extend 10 beyond your employment termination. 10 looking at paragraph 1(a) and it defines the 11 A. No. 11 employment term to extend to December 31, 2007. 12 MR. WEBER: Objection as to the form. 12 And let's break it up. 13 A. No, I do not agree with you. 13 You would agree with me that you could 14 Q. So you do not agree that the 14 be terminated without cause under this agreement 15 employment term is defined to include a period of 15 prior to December 31, 2007, correct? 16 time that could extend beyond your employment 16 A. I could be terminated without cause 17 termination without cause under this agreement? 17 under the terms of this agreement. 18 MR. WEBER: Objection as to form. 18 Q. Prior to December 31, 2007. 19 19 Rephrase it? Α. That is correct. 20 MS. KIRILA: I can rephrase that. 20 Q. My question for you is, I define the 21 21 Are you saying that the employment employment term to continue to December 31, 2007, 22 term defined in paragraph 1(a) could be shorter 22 regardless of whether or not you've been than December 31, 2007? 23 terminated without cause. 23 24 A. I'm sorry, say that again? 24 Is that your interpretation? 25 25 Sure. I'm trying to understand your A. I do not understand your question.

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3	agreement, correct?	3	MR. WEBER: Objection to the form. It
4	A. That's correct. I did not draft this	4	calls for legal conclusion. Unless you're
5	document. I did not have any input into this	5	saying this is an expert witness in
6	document.	6	employment agreements. If you want to
7	Q. Let's look at 11. Would you agree	7	stipulate to that, I will.
8	with me that it states in capital letters or	8	MS. KIRILA: No, I don't to make him
9	capitalized, "Employment Term," in that paragraph?	9	an expert, but I want his personal
10	Do you see that?	10	understanding.
11	A. Yes, I do.	11	MR. WEBER: It sounds like you do, so
12	Q. With you agree with me that that's	12	I will stipulate to that effect.
13	defined in this agreement to run until	13	MS. KIRILA: This is his contract.
14	December 31, 2007?	14	BY MS. KIRILA:
15	A. I would agree with you that that is,	15	Q. As a party to this contract and based
16	yes, that's a defined term that is explained or	16	on your experience as it would apply to you,
17	set forth in paragraph 1(a).	17	what's your understanding of the use of the word
18	Q. The other part of that 11, "Executive	18	"or" in this paragraph?
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20	your position that that just doesn't apply	20	answered. You may answer again.
21	posttermination without cause or explain to me.	21	A. I think it's a vague sentence.
22	A. Yes.	22	Q. Any other provisions that you would
23	Q. Just because you think it doesn't make	23	interpret as applying to you after your
24	sense in the whole scheme of the contract.	24	termination without cause under this agreement?
25	A. When you read the entire contract, the	25	A. 12 as it relates to confidentiality.
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paragraph would help more. It also says:

A. Before termination --

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the transition things for PPI after the closing.

MR. WEBER: Objection. You may

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Page 78 Page 80 1 L. Nail 1 L. Nail 2 2 And now I'm just talking about preclosing. Is would likely have a position with PPI following 3 that what you're testified to? 3 the transaction? 4 A. Preclosing, due diligence period, yes, 4 A. By who? 5 which I consider being, you know, PPI slash CBS --5 Q. By someone. This is preclosing at PPI 6 Q. OK. or CBS. 6 7 A. -- time frame. 7 Α. No. I was not told either way, 8 Q. Who did you work with specifically 8 whether I would or would not. 9 from PPI or CBS with respect to the due diligence? 9 Q. What was your first contact with 10 A. There were several people, and I'm 10 anyone on the Cedar Fair side that you recall? sure I'm not going to be able to remember them A. I remember sitting down with Gordon 11 11 12 all. At PPI I worked with Al Weber, Mike Koontz, 12 Kaiser immediately after the presentation when 13 Brett Petit. I am trying to think of who else at 13 Cedar Fair came to the management presentation. 14 the corporate office. You know, various 14 He and I had a discussion about the legal, the 15 individuals at the parks when I needed to find out 15 legal activity, and I can't remember if this was 16 information. 16 someone else in there, somebody else from Cedar 17 At CBS, Darron Bassin. I think it's 17 Fair or not. 18 18 B-a-s-s-i-n. Laura. I cannot remember Laura's And of course I understand that Gordon 19 19 Kaiser was an attorney with an outside counsel. last name. Were the two CBS folks. 20 There was a gentleman from Citigroup 20 He was not an employee of Cedar Fair. 21 who was our designated contact person for 21 Q. How about people from Cedar Fair, who Citigroup. I worked with him quite a bit. He do you recall first meeting? 22 22 23 also brought in other folks who -- there was a law A. There were some gentlemen who came in 23 24 firm they were using and I can't possibly remember 24 from Cedar Fair that I met. They were there to 25 take an inventory. They may have been the first the name of the law firm or the name of the guy, 25 Page 79 Page 81 1 L. Nail 1 L. Nail 2 the lawyer who I had numerous, numerous, numerous 2 people I met. 3 conversations with. 3 Q. You don't recall their names? 4 Q. At this time that you were 4 Α. I don't. 5 participating in the due diligence you were 5 OK. Who did you have most interaction general counsel for PPI, correct? 6 with from Cedar Fair? 6 7 A. Yes. 7 A. Mr. Freeman. 8 Q. Who were your direct reports? 8 Any other interaction with any other 9 A. Paralegal, Jo Ann, and that's J-o, 9 Cedar Fair related individuals? 10 it's two words, J-o A-n-n, and Costell. I believe 10 A. I had a conversation with Peter. 11 she was my only direct report. 11 When was that? 12 Q. As general counsel did you oversee or 12 That would have been pre -- it was Α. 13 have responsibility for any other departments of 13 postoffer acceptance, but preclosing. PPI other than legal? 14 14 Q. And what was that conversation about? 15 A. No. 15 A. Peter stuck his head in my office or 16 Q. So not HR. 16 walked into my office, asked me how I was doing. 17 We, you know, just chitchatted a little bit. Α. No. 17 18 Q. Prior to the closing did you discuss 18 And he -- I can't -- I think Peter said, We 19 with anyone at PPI or CBS regarding your possible 19 haven't decided what we're going to do with your 20 status after the closing? 20 position, but we will honor your contract. 21 A. In a roundabout way, you know, the guy Did you discuss anything else with 21 22 from Citigroup and I sort of danced around that, 22 Peter? 23 you know, but no, not formal discussions. 23 Mainly some small talk. You know, 24 Q. Were you told anything either one way 24 maybe, you know, how's business kind of thing. 25 or the other with respect to whether or not you 25 Other than that one time, that one

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3	that's Peter Crage?	3	A. That meeting I just described.
4	A. Yes.	4	Although way earlier, you know, I was on a speaker
5	Q. Did you have any other conversations	5	call where he called to talk to all of the PPI VPs
6	with him?	6	shortly after. It may have been the day it was
7	A. I may have been on the speakerphone	7	announced that they had been awarded the purchase,
8	with him with Mike Koontz, but I just have a vague	8	CBS had accepted the offer.
9	recollection of that.	9	Q. So that was a conference call with all
10	Q. Do you recall the subject matter of	10	of the VPs of Paramount?
11	that?	11	A. Yes.
12	A. It would have been a finance subject.	12	Q. Who was on the other side?
13	 Q. No other conversations with respect to 	13	A. I think I don't know. I mean, I
14	your potential status postclosing?	14	know Mr. Kinzel did most or all of the talking. I
15	A. No.	15	don't know if anyone one else was on the call. I
16	Q. And no other conversations generally	16	don't remember.
17	that you can recall with Mr. Crage.	17	Q. What was discussed during that
18	A. Well, I cannot, I can't remember if	18	conference call?
19	Peter came to the at some point after closing	19	A. Just the fact that well, the only
20	and all the, you know, the corporate office was in	20	subject I really remember is I know Mr. Kinzel
21	the process of being shut down. A number of Cedar	21	wanted to immediately get out a notice, some type
22	Fair people came to tour the corporate office.	22	of written memo, document, communication to all
23	Mr. Kinzel came. I'm pretty sure Peter was there.	23	PPI employees. I just remember that one subject.
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own. These are the guys that came in to do the

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Page 90 Page 92 1 L. Nail 1 L. Nail 2 2 point, maybe several points, I asked him either the closing? 3 directly or indirectly, you know, Hey, what's, you 3 Α. Correct. 4 know, what's my status? 4 Q. Did someone from Cedar Fair follow up? 5 5 I don't, I mean, similar to what he Α. Yes. 6 testified to, he and I had a lot of discussions 6 O. Who was that? 7 both face to face, both over the phone. So a lot 7 Α. I believe it was Mr. Freeman. 8 of it gets blurred as to what we discussed when. 8 What do you recall with respect to any 9 Q. You're saying as regards your personal 9 conversations or communications regarding what 10 situation you had a lot of discussions --10 would happen with your position at that point? A. Oh, I don't recall anything was said 11 A. No, no. 11 12 Q. -- or about everything? 12 about what would happen with my position. 13 A. About everything. 13 Q. When did you first learn that the 14 Q. And you did at some point ask him 14 termination without cause provisions under your 15 directly or indirectly what your status was. Do 15 employment contract were being triggered? 16 you recall what he said? 16 A. I guess when I received the letter 17 17 A. I don't recall the words. I just from Mr. Kinzel. 18 Q. So you don't recall any previous 18 recall that Craig was very professional and was 19 professionally vague about it. 19 conversations with Mr. Freeman regarding what was 20 20 going to happen or not happen? In other words, I got the impression 21 that he truly didn't know what was being decided. 21 A. Well, yes. I remember -- yes. I 22 I also assumed that it was in, you know, it was in 22 mean, let me just take you through the scenario. 23 a state of flux, I assume, since I was asked to 23 O. Sure. 24 stay. The decision as to what to do with my 24 A. After all the other execs left and I 25 personal situation had not been made, is what my 25 was there, I'm sure I received a phone call from Page 91 Page 93 1 L. Nail 1 L. Nail 2 2 Mr. Freeman and we, you know, it became very clear assumption was. 3 3 to me, you know, probably through his direction Q. And at some point you were asked to stay past the closing, correct? 4 4 that my role was to, as he said earlier, be the person in charge of the corporate office. 5 A. Well, here's what happened. 5 6 Q. Tell me about it. And, you know, we would go through the 6 litigation. We would go through the contracts. 7 The day of closing AI, early in the 7 8 day Al called us, all the VPs who had contracts 8 We would go through the basically the layoffs in 9 into the office, or I'm assuming all the ones who 9 the corporate office. 10 had contracts, into the conference room and said 10 And I can't remember if he asked me to 11 that he had just talked to Mr. Kinzel and 11 participate or I volunteered to participate, but I 12 Mr. Kinzel said that effective immediately 12 certainly agreed to participate in those layoffs, 13 everyone was on administrative leave, whatever 13 telling the individuals, and I know that's when 14 that means, and then he turned and looked at me, 14 Craig came down several times and he and I would 15 "except for you." And "Dick wants you to stay. 15 call the people in and inform them that they were 16 You're not on leave." 16 being laid off and here was a severance package 17 17 and try to answer their questions. Q. Anything else said in that 18 18 conversation with Al Weber other than what you As time went by, either over the 19 19 phone, you know, there were contract issues. just said? 20 A. I recall, I recall asking Al, you 20 There were issues over what contracts Cedar Fair 21 21 know, What am I supposed to do? And he had he could terminate immediately versus what couldn't 22 didn't know, but he was sure someone from Cedar 22 be and what had successors clauses. Just a myriad of things over the course of several weeks. 23 Fair would be in touch with me shortly. 23

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2	question. With anyone from PPI or Cedar	2	conversations about that.
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4	MR. WEBER: I understand that, from	4	you reference getting this letter and discuss the
5	the day of this letter till today. Does	5	contents with anyone, former or current employees
6	that mean current employees of PPI and Cedar	6	of Paramount or Cedar Fair, prior to well, let
7	Fair?	7	me just stop there. Do you recall?
8	MS. KIRILA: Let's clarify.	8	MR. WEBER: That's my problem. One is
9	MR. WEBER: That's what I am trying to	9	the time frame and, two, this references the
10	clarify.	10	heart of the case. The employment
11	MS. KIRILA: OK, sure.	11	agreement, the terms of it. It references
12	Q. Let me start with employees of	12	what we're talking about here.
13	Paramount or Cedar Fair at the time of this	13	MS. KIRILA: All right. Let me just
14	letter.	14	start again.
15	A. Well, are we talking about the piece	15	Q. You got this letter.
16	of paper with the words on it or the subject	16	A. Correct.
17	matter that's contained in it?	17	Q. You didn't call or follow up with
18	Q. No, just right now I am talking about	18	anyone at Paramount Park or Cedar Fair in response
19	this letter.	19	to this. You testified to that.
20	A. OK.	20	A. Correct.
21	Q. What's contained in this letter? Did	21	 Q. In your later discussions with anyone,
22	you talk to anyone at Paramount or Cedar Fair with	22	former or current employees of PPI, did you ever
23	respect to this letter and the contents thereof,	23	reference this letter, the July 27, 2006 letter
24	current or former employees?	24	specifically?
25	A. Well, obviously much much later on I	25	A. Well
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4	respect to using your services?	4	would no longer be needed and I was going to get
5	A. After I received this letter?	5	this letter. I mean, I just, you know, I knew it
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9	been told prior to this letter, you've already	9	in the future, did he?
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17	using your services by anyone at Paramount or	17	to me that he was intentionally being vague about
18	Cedar Fair prior to receiving this letter other	18	my future status.
19	than what you've already told me about today?	19	Q. Under the contract would you agree
20	A. Well, there came a point in time where	20	with me that Paramount had the right to use your
21	I think Mr. Freeman made it clear to me that there	21	services again as long as it was paying you?
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12	Q. After that point, correct.	12	Paramount regarding this letter?
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19	under contract with Paramount?	19	insurance/COBRA issue, but we didn't specifically
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21	Q. But not an active employee.	21	conversations.
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Page 114 Page 116 L. Nail 1 L. Nail 1 2 2 other than Denny's? ever dug it back out and looked at it again. 3 Q. Did you engage an attorney to review A. No. Well, I take that back. I had an 3 4 the proposal? 4 outstanding offer to open my own practice in a 5 legal aid type setting. Actually, it was to 5 A. I called -- yes, I engaged an create a legal aid office, which is why I was in 6 attorney. I don't think I sent him this document. 6 I may have discussed it with him -- well, I'm 7 7 the process of applying for my North Carolina law 8 sure I discussed it with him, but, and that's as 8 license. 9 far as I think I should go with that. 9 Q. Did you ever obtain that? 10 Q. Sure. What attorney did you engage? 10 A. No. A. At this time it was Larry Levine. 11 Q. What happened with the legal aid 11 Q. But you did not have him respond on 12 12 position? 13 your behalf to this? 13 A. It never came about or I never pursued it beyond just the talking stage. 14 A. No. Or if he did. I did not authorize 14 15 15 Q. Why not? it to my memory. 16 Q. At this time when you received this 16 A. Because the job at Denny's became letter in September 2006, did you have plans at 17 17 available. that time to seek alternative employment? 18 18 Q. Do you recall how many applications 19 you submitted for different legal positions? A. Yes. 19 20 Q. What were your plans at that point? 20 A. The only application I remember is the 21 A. To look for a job. 21 Lowe's application. But I, you know, well, that's Q. Had you started looking at that point? the only application I remember filling out. 22 22 This is in September? I'm sure the Q. And you had one at Denny's? 23 23 24 answer is yes. I can't pinpoint a specific date, 24 Α. Oh, yeah, yeah, sure, of course, 25 you know, I mean, you know, did I get on 25 one at Denny's. Page 115 Page 117 1 L. Nail 1 L. Nail monster.com and look for jobs? Did I, you know, 2 Q. And following your termination without 2 start talking to people about jobs? You know, 3 cause from PPI for some point you did continue to 3 receive pay and benefits pursuant to your 4 yes. During this time frame I was, I'm sure I was 4 5 actively starting the process of looking. 5 agreement? Q. Do you recall where you interviewed 6 A. Correct. 6 7 other than eventually at Denny's? Q. At what point did you feel you were no 7 8 A. Yes. 8 longer receiving the benefits and pay after you 9 MR. WEBER: Objection as to relevancy. 9 were terminated without cause? 10 10 A. Well, when I received Mr. Freeman's A. Yes. 11 Q. You can still answer unless your 11 letters, you know, at some point figured out that 12 counsel instructs you not to. 12 the check had been reversed or had been taken out 13 A. Well, I am waiting for you to ask me 13 of my checking account, and I put two and two together and knew at that point my pay and 14 14 who. 15 15 benefits were stopped. Q. OK, who? 16 A. I interviewed at Lowe's Home 16 Q. Did you have any idea why at that 17 17 time? Improvement. 18 Q. Anybody else? 18 A. I knew what was stated in 19 I had some telephone interviews with 19 Mr. Freeman's letters. 20 recruiters, headhunters. I had one face-to-face 20 Q. Up until that point was there any payment or benefit ever provided to you late 21 interview with a recruiter. That's all I can 21 22 remember right now. 22 before you were cut off in October --23 Q. Were you offered a position at Lowe's? 23 A. Yes. 24 A. No. 24 Q. -- two thousand --25 25 Q. Were you offered a position anywhere Yes. Α.

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4	back in August of '06.	4	Looking first at Exhibit I well, before you
5	Q. And you testified about that, correct?	5	look at that, I have a follow-up question. You
	A. Yes, we talked about that.	6	mentioned that you had contacted Larry Levine when
6 7	Q. Anything other than that?	7	you got the one proposal.
		8	A. Yes.
8		9	Q. Did someone refer you to him or how
9	not I was entitled to a bonus, should be getting a bonus. It was never clear to me whether I should	10	did you come
10		11	A. Yes.
11 12	be getting, whether I should be allowed to	12	Q to find him?
	participate in a 401(k), you know, with a company	13	A. Yes.
13	match.	14	Q. Who did?
14 15	Let's see, I knew I wasn't allowed a car allowance. That was clear in the contract.	15	
		16	A. Probably David Thornton.
16	Oh, I was not provided with the park pass that the	_	Q. Do you know why Mr. Thornton knew
17	VPs were provided. But again, it was fuzzy to me	17 18	Larry Levine? A. I know that David was using Mr. Levine
18	whether I was entitled to that or not.	_	g .
19	Q. In fact, you never asked anyone at	19 20	for his personal situation.
20	Paramount Park with respect to that.		Q. Do you know what Mr. Thornton's personal situation was?
21	A. I never asked about the park pass and never asked about the bonus.	21 22	·
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23	I have a memory of, and this is where	23	MR. WEBER: Objection as to relevancy.
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25	it or not. I know I had a memory of wanting to	25	David Thornton was extremely cautious,
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3	the address we have on file."	3	paychecks.
4	Do you know what address Paramount	4	Q. And you didn't do anything when you
5	would have had on file for you?	5	didn't receive your money on October 19th?
6	A. I can make an assumption.	6	I'm trying to understand how it is
7	Q. That it was the North Carolina	7	that you went from, you know, not getting a
8	address?	8	paycheck on the 19th to not discovering that until
9	A. The 9027 Kirkley Court address, yes.	9	you got this letter.
10	 Q. At that point had you ever called to 	10	MR. WEBER: He testified that he
11	update Paramount with your current home address?	11	probably got it when the bank sent him a
12	A. Can you be	12	statement probably a week later.
13	Q. Sure. At any point did you call	13	MS. KIRILA: End of the month.
14	anyone at Paramount to update your contact	14	MR. WEBER: Whenever it was.
15	information?	15	A. I mean
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18	Q. At this point on October 23rd you were in your new house in South Carolina?	18	knowledge on October 19th that you didn't get A. No.
19	A. Yes.	19	Q paid.
20	Q. So sometime after October 23rd that's	20	A. No.
21	the first you learned that your pay had been	21	Q. OK. Let's take a look at the
22	stopped?	22	October 19th, 2007 letter. The second paragraph
23	A. I can't say that emphatically.	23	states that "we have recently learned"?
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3	to me through the totality of the circumstances	3	Agreement For Automatic Deposits," marked
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12	MS. KIRILA: No, I didn't ask him what	12	A. No, I do not.
13	his conversation was. He said he told Jim	13	Q. Is that your name printed at the
14	Rein. I didn't ask the circumstances of	14	bottom?
15	that. I am now.	15	A. Yes, it is.
16	A. Could you repeat the question?	16	Q. And is that your signature?
17	Q. Sure. What were the circumstances in	17	A. Yes, it is.
18	which you told Jim Rein that you were employed at	18	Q. And the date reads 6/27/02; is that
19	Denny's?	19	correct?
20	A. I was in the Charlotte airport. I was	20	A. I'm sorry?
21	going to my gate. Jim Rein was standing and there	21	Q. Is that what your handwritten date
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not a hundred percent sure that any of the

Q. And do you know what those discussions

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Page 134 Page 136 1 L. Nail 1 L. Nail 2 2 automatic deposits were rejected. Or the And if you look at the date that these 3 automatic withdrawals, or automatic payments, to forms were signed, for example, on the previous 3 4 4 page you have got a date of May 29, 2007. 5 5 Q. I will refer you to previously marked A. Right. exhibit H, Defendant's. Looking at that exhibit, Q. Is that your signature? 6 6 7 is that the packet of information with respect to 7 A. No, it's not. enrollment in benefits that you received with a 8 8 Who wrote that employee's signature 9 cover letter from Sandy Cranford? 9 there? Do you know? 10 A. Well, this is what I had in my file. 10 Α. I -- I do not know. 11 Is this everything that was provided to you Do you think your wife wrote it or do 11 pursuant to your request for documents? I mean, 12 12 you think someone else wrote your name there? 13 and the answer is I don't know if this is I believe my wife signed that. 13 14 everything, but this is all I had in my files. Did you tell her to sign your name for 14 15 Q. The letter on the first page of that 15 you? A. I asked her to fill out these 16 exhibit is from Sandy Cranford. In that letter is 16 a reference to -- oh, I'm sorry, it is from Craig 17 17 documents. 18 Freeman, isn't it? 18 Q. As of May 29, 2007, was your current A. Correct. 19 19 address the Kirkley Court, Charlotte, 20 Q. There is a reference to Sandy calling. 20 North Carolina address? 21 Do you have a specific recollection of A. I believe it was, but I'm not one 21 22 whether Sandy Cranford in fact called with respect 22 hundred percent sure. I mean, we were still in 23 to that enrollment process? 23 the house. 24 A. You know, this may have been the call 24 Q. OK. Tell me how that worked. Because 25 that she made in that conversation we discussed at 25 you mentioned before it was complicated. But Page 135 Page 137 1 L. Nail 1 L. Nail 2 the very beginning of the deposition. I don't 2 after the closing you remained in the house for a 3 have an immediate recollection. 3 week or two? 4 Q. The date of that letter is, what is 4 A. My memory is when we finally decided 5 it? May? 5 to put the house on the market we received a contract almost immediately, which shocked us. I 6 A. May 21st. 6 mean, literally the same day. We got a contract 7 Q. At that point had you sold your home 7 8 in North Carolina yet? 8 on the house the same day. 9 A. I don't -- I don't think so, but I'm 9 The reason why it's complicated is I did not want to sell the house and I did not want 10 10 not sure. to move from Charlotte. And so, you know, I was, 11 Q. Would you open up that exhibit to the 11 12 next page, after that. Looking at the MetLife. 12 you know, the reason why I said it was complicated is because there were these, you know, extra 13 Is that your handwriting where it says 13 issues involved. It wasn't a simple real estate 14 Lester C. Nail? 14 15 A. No. it's not. 15 transaction. 16 Q. Whose handwriting is that? 16 But once we accepted the contract, you I believe it's my wife's. 17 know, there was a closing date and my memory is 17 Α. that got changed several times. And then after 18 O. So your wife completed this page? 18 Yes. I believe so. 19 closing we stayed in the house, and it may not 19 Α. 20 Q. It's not your handwriting? 20 have been a week. It may have been a day or two 21 or it may have been over a weekend. I just don't It is not my handwriting. 21 22 And the address, was that your current 22 remember. address at the time that these forms were I mean, again, this was a very 23 23 completed by your wife or you? 24 24 emotionally trying time. I've got two little

girls. They were both crying every night about

A. Yes, I believe it was.

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2	leaving Charlotte. Leaving their friends, leaving	2	filled out when we received it.
3	their school. Like I said, so forgive me if I	3	Q. OK. Page 6.
4	don't, you know, you tend to blank out some of	4	A. Because my memory is when I looked
5	that.	5	through them, I mean, number one, I don't
6	Q. Now, you were being paid by Paramount	6	recognize my wife's printing.
7	under the contract potentially through December	7	Number two, I remember when I got the
8	2007, correct?	8	package and I flipped through, I thought it was
9	A. Pursuant to my, the employment	9	odd that this had already been partially or
10	agreement, correct.	10	completed.
11	Q. Why didn't you just wait to get a job	11	Q. Do you have a page 7, Bates number 7?
12	until that, those payments ran out?	12	A. Yes, I do.
13	 A. It became very clear to me that 	13	Q. Is that your signature?
14	getting a job was going to be extremely difficult.	14	A. Yes, that looks like my signature.
15	Q. So how did that impact your decision	15	Q. Any other signature pages in that
16	to you would need more time to obtain a job?	16	exhibit?
17	So explain to me why, how that impacted your	17	A. No.
18	decision not to stay in Charlotte longer while you	18	MS. KIRILA: Let's mark a few exhibits
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20	A. I'm sorry, I am not understanding the	20	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 4, document
21	question.	21	purported to be Denny's application, marked
22	Q. My question was, you were receiving	22	for identification, this date.)
23	pay from Paramount potentially through December	23	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 5, document
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2	Q. Why did you feel the need to move?	2	identification, this date.)
3	Was that not enough money I guess is my question	3	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 6, document
4	that you were receiving that you had to get	4	titled "Employee Action Form," bearing date
5	another job.	5	stamp May 18, 2007, marked for
6	MR. WEBER: Objection as to relevancy.	6	identification, this date.)
7	You may answer. A. No, it was not a question as to was it	7	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 7, document
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2	the entire suit and whether that's a	2	which appears to be your offer from Denny's; is
3	violation of the agreement or not.	3	that correct?
4	MR. WEBER: Is there any dispute about	4	A. Yes, that's correct.
5	that?	5	Q. You signed this on February 15, 2007?
6	MS. KIRILA: I think that's why we're	6	A. That's what is reflected on the
7	here.	7	document.
8	MR. WEBER: Any dispute about him	8	Q. So the offer was base salary, you
9	being employed by Denny's and when he was?	9	would be making 175,000; is that correct?
10	MS. KIRILA: No, but I need to get	10	A. That's correct.
11	these into the record.	11	 Q. And that was more than under your
12	MR. WEBER: OK.	12	employment contract with PPI.
13	BY MR. KIRILA:	13	A. I would have to look at it. It
14	Q. You applied for Denny's is	14	probably is.
15	reflected on this Exhibit 4; is that correct?	15	Q. We can let the document speak for
16	A. The answer is this appears to be a job	16	itself.
17	application.	17	A. Yes.
18	Q. Did you complete this?	18	Q. You also had an opportunity for annual
19	A. This appears to be my handwriting.	19	incentive at Denny's; is that correct?
20	Q. Did you sign it on the last page?	20	A. I am not sure what that means.
21	A. Yes, that is my signature.	21	Q. Did you get a bonus?
22	Q. And I believe you already testified	22	A. Yes.
23	how you came to find the position at Denny's,	23	Q. Was it 30 percent of your base salary?
24 25	correct? I don't remember if you did or not.	24 25	A. I don't think so.
25	In a nutshell, tell me how you came to	23	Q. Do you recall how much in bonus you
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2	A. No.	2	Mr. Kinzel's deposition because we're going
3	Q. Why not?	3	to take his deposition and you're going to
4	A. Because of the bonus. I think PPI	4	have to move if you want to preclude it,
5	probably had a greater bonus potential, but I'm	5	among others. The deposition started at
6	not sure about that.	6	3:30. We'll continue for your seven hours.
7	I'm not going to sit here and do the	7	MS. KIRILA: Just for the record, the
8	math in my head at 7:15 after being up for I	8	deposition of Mr. Freeman lasted more than
9	got up at 4:30 this morning.	9	five and a half hours and out of convenience
10	MR. WEBER: It is irrelevant anyway.	10	I'm continuing past business hours when we
11	MS. KIRILA: No, it's not irrelevant.	11	can reconvene in the morning.
12		12	MR. WEBER: And we appreciate that.
13	This goes to whether or not your story is	13	* *
	that he had to get another job. He made	14	just don't understand why you're asking
14	less.	15	questions that are not relevant. MS. KIRILA: Will you stop
15	MR. WEBER: What's the difference if	16	,
16	he did or he didn't? How is that relevant	17	interrupting my deposition? Just because you don't understand the relevance of it.
17	to anything?		You either instruct him not to answer or
18	MS. KIRILA: It goes to your	18	
19	explanation as to why he did what he did.	19	let's proceed.
20	It's also relevant	20	BY MS. KIRILA:
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23	is relevant. Neither your question nor his	23	employment action form regarding your hiring.
24	explanation, whether he went to work then.	24	Let's go to and your first day of employment
25	MS. KIRILA: I disagree with that.	25	for the record was February 23, 2007?
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2	This is my deposition and this is a case of	2	A. Correct.
3	breach of contract, misrepresentation and I	3	Q. If you will look at Exhibit 6. It
4	am entitled to know whether or not his	4	looks like it's an employee action form with
5	package with Denny's was enough to make him	5	respect to a 2.9 percent raise that you received
6	not willing to return to PPI. So it is	6	in when did you receive this raise?
7	relevant.	7	A. I'm sorry.
8	MR. WEBER: Well, ask him that	8	Q. There's a May 16, 2007 date. Is that
9	question, because you haven't asked him that	9	consistent with your recollection?
10	question.	10	A. Probably.
11	MS. KIRILA: I don't have to tell you	11	Q. There's also noted at the bottom here
12	my legal strategy.	12	a \$10,000 special bonus.
13	MR. WEBER: Well, none of the	13	A. Uh-huh.
14	questions so far are relevant. That is my	14	Q. What was that for?
15	objection.	15	A. I remember receiving it. I don't I
16	MR. KIRILA: You either instruct him	16	just remember it was a bonus.
17	not to answer	17	Q. OK.
18	MR. WEBER: It's on the record. He	18	A. I'm sorry, where do you see that?
19	can answer all your questions. We'll be	19	Q. It's at the bottom. Do you see the
20	here tonight and tomorrow for your full	20	stamp date "entered May 18, 2007"?
21	period and then we're going to proceed with	21	A. Oh, I see it, yes.
22	your other depositions, because we'll set	22	Q. No memory of what that was for.
23	some time	23	A. You know, I don't remember if that was
24	MR. KIRILA: Are you done?	24	related to the relocation or no, I don't
	3		
25	MR. WEBER: we'll set some time for	25	remember.

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1	L. Nail	1	L. Nail
2	MS. KIRILA: Let's mark Exhibits 8, et	2	 A. Whatever the document reflects is what
3	cetera.	3	it is. I will tell you I have very little
4	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 8, document	4	immediate recollection of this.
5	headed "Denny's 2007 Long-Term Growth	5	 Q. But this was a document provided by
6	Incentive Program," marked for	6	you as reflected by the Bates number in the
7	identification, this date.)	7	bottom, correct?
8	MS. KIRILA: And this will be 9.	8	A. I think it was probably no. Well,
9	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 9, document	9	I don't know if it was me or whether it was
10	headed "Denny's Corporation Stock Option	10	pursuant to your subpoena to Denny's.
11	Award Agreement," marked for identification,	11	 Q. I will just represent that the Bates
12	this date.)	12	numbers with the LES were provided by your
13	Q. Exhibits 8 and 9. 8 reflects a	13	counsel.
14	long-term growth incentive program.	14	A. OK, then it is what it is.
15	And you are eligible to be a	15	MS. KIRILA: Mark this as 10.
16	participant in that plan at Denny's, correct?	16	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 10, document
17	A. Yes.	17	headed "2007 Salaried Enrollment options,"
18	Q. Exhibit 9 reads, "Denny's Corporation	18	marked for identification, this date.)
19	Stock Option Award Agreement."	19	Q. You have been handed what has been
20	And you were awarded stock options at	20	marked as Exhibit 10. It appears to be a summary
21	Denny's, correct?	21	of your benefit options at Denny's; is that
22	A. Correct.	22	correct?
23	Q. On March 6, 2007?	23	A. Yes.
24	A. Whatever the documents reflect.	24	Q. Do you know whether the employee
25	Q. I'm just reading date of grant,	25	portion that you would have to pay for these
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2		2	Q. The first one, if you'll look at the
3		3	first page. It says "Expenses Paid to Employee,"
4			total 7,500
5		5	A. I'm sorry. Which one?
6		6	Q. Exhibit 12, first page.
7		7	A. OK.
8	/D 4501 1 1	8	Q. It says "Total Paid to Employee,"
9	(Page 158 has been deemed,	9	\$7,524.35.
10	"Confidential" and is bound under separate	10	Is that the amount you received in
11	cover.)	11	connection with your relocation from
12		12	North Carolina?
13		13	 A. If that's what this document reflects.
14		14	Q. The bottom reflects "Total Paid to
15		15	Other" of 12,937.
16		16	Is that consistent with your
17	(Continued in nonconfidential portion		recollection of what was paid on your behalf in
18	of transcript.)	18	connection with your move?
19	or transcript.)	19	A. Let me say it like this. I don't have
		20	=
20			an independent recollection of the amounts.
21		21	Yes, I know this document, I mean, I
22			recognize this document and I have no reason to
23		23	dispute it.
24		24	Q. Do you see where it says "Lump Sum
25		25	Allowance"? There's a date April 4, 2007.
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3	A. Sorry.	3	page, is that your signature at the bottom?
4	Q terminated your employment within	4	A. Yes.
5	twelve months of the relocation?	5	Q. And you in fact received the payments
6	A. Yes, I was fully aware of that.	6	in connection with this retention incentive?
7	Q. Am I safe to assume you did not have	7	A. Yes.
8	any other employment prior to Denny's after	8	Q. Am I correct that you would have
9	Paramount?	9	received an initial payment of 50,000 in 2006 an
10	A. No, I did not. I mean, no. I mean	10	additional payment of 125,000 in 2007 from CBS?
11	Q. Did you receive any payments	11	A. That sounds correct.
12	A. No.	12	Q. Is it fair to say that essentially you
13	Q for services from anyone?	13	just had to stay through the closing date to
14	A. No.	14	receive that retention?
15	Q. Did you get unemployment compensation?	15	A. I'm sorry? Start over.
16	A. No.	16	Q. Sure. Is it fair to say that you only
17	MS. KIRILA: Mark this as 14.	17	had to stay through the closing date and sign a
18	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 14, one-page	18	release in order to receive
19	letter dated July 7, 2006, from Chuck Becker	19	A. I don't think so. I think, um, and
20	to Lester Nail, Bates No. LES00236, marked	20	I'm going to have to read the letter. It's my
21	for identification, this date.)	21	understanding it wasn't just staying to the day of
22	MS. KIRILA: And this is 15.	22	closing. It was well, let's just read the
23	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 15, one-page	23	letter.
24	letter dated August 4, 2006, to Lester Nail,	24	Q. Sure.
25	Bates No. LES00237, marked for	25	A. Yes, look in the middle of the letter:
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3	second	3	to your postemployment let me ask that again.
4	A. Yes.	4	You mentioned once you had other conversations
5	Q page? OK.	5	about.
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7	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 19, 8-page	7	with respect to your employment agreement than
8	document containing columns with what	8	what you've already testified about?
9	appears to be financial figures, marked for	9	A. With David Thornton?
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12	Exhibit 19, just for the record, which we received	12	about my employment agreement or
13	from your employer, Denny's, and appears to have	13	Q. Or with his.
14	payroll information to you.	14	A. Or with his.
15	Do you have any reason to disagree	15	Q. OK. Did you ever tell you that he
16	that this is not your payroll information	16	contacted Paramount when he was contemplating
17	beginning in the year 2007?	17	taking another position?
18	A. I can't read it. I can make out my	18	A. No.
19	name and there are a lot of numbers. But, I mean,	19	Q. Have you had any other conversations
20	without comparing it to my check stubs, you know,	20	with any other former Paramount executives who
21	but I have no reason to believe it's not.	21	were under contract regarding their situations
22	Q. That's my question.	22	postemployment without cause?
23	A. Yes, I have no reason to believe if	23	A. No.
24	you received this from the Denny's payroll	24	Q. Mr. Nail, in connection with this case
25	department, I have no reason to believe it's not	25	you produced some documents that appear to be a
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3	those for your attorney regarding any of the facts	3	I don't remember a reference to
4	at issue in this case?	4	paragraph 7(c).
5	A. I'm sorry?	5	And there was one other. Oh. Oh, oh,
6	Q. Any other notes that you have not	6	oh. That's when he testified that I called him,
7	produced in the course of discovery in this case?	7	you know, at some time after receiving the offer,
8	A. None that I have not produced. None	8	the buyout offer and I think I testified fully to
9	that none that I didn't create at the direction	9	that.
10	of my attorneys.	10	Q. You didn't recall that.
11	Q. So nothing taken contemporaneously	11	A. I didn't recall that.
12	with the actions as they were unfolding.	12	MS. KIRILA: Let's mark these other
13	A. No, no, no, no. I am not as good a	13	exhibits, please.
14	note taker as Mr. Freeman.	14	A. But I do reserve the right when I
15	Q. You sat through much of Mr. Freeman's	15	review the
16	deposition today, correct?	16	Q. Sure. I am not holding you to that.
17	A. Correct.	17	Just as you're sitting here today thinking, that's
18	Q. Did you hear anything that Mr. Freeman	18	what I am asking you.
19	said regarding conversations with you that you	19	A. Those are the only two things that
20	felt were flat-out wrong or didn't happen?	20	immediately come to mind.
21	MR. WEBER: Objection to the form of	21	MS. KIRILA: Mark these as Exhibits 20
22	the question. You're asking him to recall,	22	and 21.
23	what did you say? Five and a half hours of	23	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 20, W-2
24	testimony?	24	statements for the year 2006, marked for
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3	Parks and	3	Q. Mr. Nail, when you completed the
4	A. OK, I'm looking at 20.	4	enrollment process in May of 2007 for PPI
5	Q. Actually, not Denny's in 20, correct?	5	benefits, do you recall that exhibit we looked at?
6	Just Paramount and CBS?	6	A. No.
7	A. OK.	7	Q. The enrollment forms?
8	Q. Is that correct?	8	A. Are you talking about this?
9	A. I'm sorry, what's the question?	9	Q. Yes.
10	MR. WEBER: We'll designate all	10	A. Yes.
11	financial information related to Mr. Nail as	11	Q. We looked at the date that that was
12	confidential.	12	signed and it was May 29th, 2007.
13		13	A. Right, well, there are two different
14	(Page 175 has been deemed,	14	dates.
15	"Confidential" and is bound under separate	15	Q. Right. Why don't you tell me what
16	cover.)	16	they are? One is May 29, 2007.
17		17	A. One's dated May 29, '07, and the other
18		18	is dated 5/26/07.
19		19	Q. Did you review those forms before they
20		20	were submitted back to
21		21	A. No.
22		22	Q Paramount?
23		23	A. No.
24		24	Q. Did your wife actually fax them back?
25		25	A. Yes.
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3	This appears to reflect a general	3	Q. Do you know whether you provided that
4	warranty deed with respect to your home at 9027	4	to your counsel or not?
5	Kirkley Court in Charlotte, North Carolina, and	5	A. I do not know.
6	the deed is made the 10th day of April, 2007.	6	Q. Do you believe that you did or you
7	A. Uh-huh.	7	don't know either way?
8	Q. Is that when you sold your house?	8	A. I don't know either way.
9	MR. WEBER: Was this produced pursuant	9	Q. OK. Do you recognize it?
10	to any discovery requests?	10	A. I don't. I mean, it is obvious what
11	MS. KIRILA: It wasn't requested. It	11	it is.
12	was something that counsel pulled off the	12	 Q. My question was just do you recognize
13	Internet.	13	it.
14	MR. WEBER: This wasn't requested in	14	A. It's not leaping out at me, but I have
15	any of our broad requests?	15	no reason not to believe that I didn't have it in
16	MS. KIRILA: No, how could it be? It	16	my files. So I don't know.
17	was something that was pulled off yesterday.	17	Q. Do you recall receiving this?
18	MR. WEBER: If it's relevant to your	18	A. Do I recall receiving this?
19	claim, I guess it must be relevant	19	Q. Yes.
20	somewhere.	20	A. From?
21	MS. KIRILA: There you go. I'm	21	Q. Whoever it's addressed from.
22	producing it today. I pulled it off last	22	A. CBS
23	night.	23	Q. During the course of your employment.
24	MR. WEBER: It was not exactly in	24	A. Well, it is from CBS corporate HR to
25	response to our discovery requests.	25	CBS Corporate PPI Inc., and no, I just don't
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1	L. Nail	1	L. Nail
2	MS. KIRILA: I don't have an	2	remember this.
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4	turns around and sells it to the buyer that we	4	permit to build the house was obtained by the
5	contract with. I think the best evidence of the	5	builder.
6	day we sold the house is the contract, because I	6	The house had been on the market for
7	know that we filled out papers for the relocation	7	some time. It I suspect that's the day he
8	company. But	8	started building the house or that's when he went
9	Q. Do you still have that contract for	9	down to the county assessor's office, you know,
10	the sale of your home?	10	where he got the permit to start construction.
11	A. Yes. I'm sure we do.	11	Q. Do you recall how long before you
12	MS. KIRILA: Mark this as Exhibit 23.	12	purchased the house that you had been looking at
13	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 23, two-page	13	that particular house?
14	document headed "Title to Real Estate, State	14	A. The real estate agent I took a day
15	of South Carolina, County of Spartanburg,"	15	off from work and had the real estate agent take
16	marked for identification, this date.)	16	me to all the houses that she had, that Linda had
17	MS. KIRILA: Mark this as 24.	17	looked at that was on her short list. And I'm
18	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 24, one-page	18	sorry, what was the question?
19	document headed "Spartanburg County	19	Q. You purchased it on May 31, 2007. How
20	Assessor's Office," marked for	20	long had you been looking at that house prior to
21	identification, this date.)	21	the purchase date?
22	Q. In Exhibit 23 that you have been	22	A. I'm my memory is about two days. I
23	handed, it appears to me to relate to the purchase	23	saw the house, immediately liked it. Linda had
24	of your home in South Carolina; is that correct?	24	already looked at it one time. She liked it. And
25	A. Yes.	25	I think we then immediately went into
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6	vs. No. 07 CV 10595(SS)	
7	LESTER NAIL,	
8	Defendant.	
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15	the offices of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey	
16	L.L.P., 350 Park Avenue, New York, New York,	
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2	APPEARANCES:	2	means that you're legally obligated to tell the
3		3	truth.
4	SQUIRE, SANDERS & DEMPSEY L.L.P.	4	Do you understand that?
5	Attorneys for Plaintiff	5	A. Yes.
6	1300 Huntington Center	6	Q. If there's any question that you don't
7	41 South High Street	7	hear or that you don't understand, I would ask you
8	Columbus, Ohio 43215-6197	8	to please let me know that you either didn't hear
9	BY: JILL S. KIRILA, ESQ.	9	it or don't understand it and I'll repeat it or
10	LITTLED MENDELCON	10	rephrase it. If you don't indicate unless you
11	LITTLER MENDELSON	11	indicate otherwise, we'll assume that you have
12	A Professional Corporation	12	heard and understood the question.
13	Attorneys for Defendant	13	Do you understand that? A. Yes.
14	885 Third Avenue	14	
15	New York, New York 10022-4834	15	Q. Have you heard and understood
16	BY: MICHAEL P. PAPPAS, ESQ.	16	everything I've said so far? A. Yes.
17 18	A. MICHAEL WEBER, ESQ.	17 18	A. Yes.Q. Please be sure to give all of your
19	ALSO PRESENT:	19	answers verbally so that the court reporter can
20	LESTER NAIL	20	take it down. In other words, don't nod or shake
21	LESTER NAIL	21	your head. And if you want to say yes or no, say
22		22	yes or no, not "uh-uh" or "uh-huh," because it's
23		23	harder for the court reporter to understand what
24		24	you're saying.
25		25	Finally, please wait for me to finish
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2	know that I would designate any of those as	2	MS. KIRILA: I am just going to object
3	specifically for the purpose of preparing for the	3	and instruct you not to answer with respect
4	deposition.	4	to conversations on Friday with Sandy
5	Q. When did you have the one meeting to	5	regarding any information that I requested
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6	prepare?	7	you to obtain. Q. When you say Friday, was that the
7	A. Last Friday, the 18th of April.		_ · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
8	Q. That was with Ms. Kirila?	8	18th
9	A. Yes.	9	A. Yes.
10	Q. Anyone else?	10	Q of April?
11	A. Our general counsel was present for	11	How long did that discussion last?
12	that meeting.	12	A. Less than five minutes.
13	Q. Who was that?	13	Q. And what was discussed?
14	A. His name is Duff Milkie.	14	MS. KIRILA: Objection. To the extent
15	Q. M-i-l-k-i-e?	15	it reveals anything that I specifically
16	A. M-i-l-k-i-e.	16	directed you to obtain for me, do not
17	Q. Anyone else?	17	answer.
18	A. No.	18	 Q. Did you learn any facts as a result of
19	Q. How long did that meeting last?	19	that discussion?
20	 A. About two and a half hours. 	20	A. Yes.
21	 Q. Did you review any documents during 	21	Q. What facts did you learn?
22	that preparation meeting?	22	 A. That really relates to the information
23	A. Yes.	23	that my counsel instructed me to obtain, so I
24	Q. The things you've already discussed?	24	can't respond.
25	A. Yes.	25	Q. There were no attorneys present during
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2	A. Ruth Hufnagle.	2	A. Business administration.
3	Q. Do you have any substantive	3	Q. What year did you obtain that degree?
4	communications with her about the case?	4	A. 1977.
5	A. No, just enlisting her assistance to	5	Q. Do you have any other degrees?
6	gather documents for discovery, and so forth.	6	A. An associate of arts degree from
7	Q. Anyone else?	7	Fullerton College.
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	A. Conversations surrounding that.		Q. Anything else?
9	Q. Anyone else?	9	A. MBA from California State University
10	A. Veronica Dowd.	10	at Fullerton.
11	Q. Who is she?	11	Q. Anything else?
12	A. She's on my staff, also. And she is	12	A. That's it.
13	our, she's a human resources manager, corporate	13	Q. Do you have any other post high school
14	human resources manager.	14	education other than what you've already
15	 Q. What did you discuss with her about 	15	described?
16	the case?	16	A. No.
17	 A. Just information gathering, because 	17	Q. Do you have any professional other
18	she has access to the human resources system.	18	professional training other than what you've
19	 Q. What specific information did you talk 	19	already described?
20	to her about gathering?	20	 A. Seminars and things like that.
21	A. Just information regarding Mr. Nail's	21	Q. Relating to what?
22	benefits, and so forth.	22	A. Gosh. Business, you know, leadership,
23	Q. Benefits and what else?	23	professional development.
24	A. That's really all I recall.	24	Q. Anything relating to executive
25	Q. Was that for the purpose of responding	25	contracts or compensation or anything like that?
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3	relationship with PPI?	3	Mall of America. Cedar Fair acquired Knott's
4	A. It's the parent company of PPI.	4	Berry Farm in late 1997 and inherited, if you
5	Q. So Magnum owns all of the stock of	5	will, or assumed the management agreement.
6	PPI?	6	Q. And you remained employed in the same
7	A. Yes.	7	position
8	Q. What is your position?	8	A. The same position.
9	Corporate vice president	9	Q before and after, correct?
10	administration.	10	A. Yes. So that was in 1997. My
11	 Q. Are you considered an officer of the 	11	position as general manager started in 1996 and
12	corporation?	12	prior to that I was director of administration,
13	A. Yes.	13	employed by Knott's Berry Farm.
14	Q. Are you a director?	14	Q. What are your duties and
15	A. No.	15	responsibilities as vice president administration
16	Q. How long have you been employed in	16	for Magnum?
17	that position?	17	A. I'm responsible for the corporate
18	A. About a little less than three years.	18	human resources function as well as various
19	Q. Do you remember when you started in	19	administrative duties such as license agreements,
20	that position?	20	real estate transactions, asset sales.
21	A. September of 2005. There was a little	21	Q. Anything else?
22	bit of an overlap. My predecessor retired, so	22	A. That's most of it. I get involved in
23	Q. Where were you employed before that?	23	some of the I work with the general counsel
24	A. I was the general manager of Camp	24	quite a bit on contractual matters and legal
25	Snoopy in Mall of America.	25	matters.
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3	that I had on behalf of Cedar Fair on behalf of	3	A. Three.
4	the additional parks when the acquisition was	4	Q. Can you identify them?
5	consummated.	5	A. Billy Clark, Ruth Hufnagle, and
6	Q. Anything else?	6	Michelle Ledger.
7	A. In terms of the types of duties and	7	Q. And what was Michelle's position?
8	responsibilities, not really. It was just more	8	A. She's the purchasing manager at Cedar
9	the scope of those responsibilities and the volume	9	Point.
10	of those responsibilities increased dramatically.	10	Q. Who does Sandy Cranford report to?
11	Q. Now, you said you were responsible for	11	A. She currently reports to the general
12	the corporate HR function. Is that for all of	12	manager of Carowinds.
13	Cedar Fair or one specific part of it?	13	Q. Have you had those three same direct
14	A. All of Cedar Fair.	14	reports since the time that you assumed your
15	Q. Who do you report to?	15	current position full time?
16	A. The president/CEO, Dick Kinzel.	16	A. Since September of 2005?
17	Q. Anyone else?	17	Q. Yes.
18	A. No.	18	A. No.
19	 Q. Have you reported directly to him 	19	Q. How has that changed since September
20	during the whole time that you have been in your	20	of 2005?
21	current position?	21	A. Prior to the Paramount acquisition we
22	A. Yes.	22	did not really have a corporate human resources
23	Can I back up and clarify something?	23	function per se. With the acquisition we
24	Q. Sure.	24	increased our human resources staff to create the
25	A. You asked about my employment history	25	corporate corporate oversight function and
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3	he would he would make stewardship visits to	3	often do you meet with him in person
4	the park and I would report to him on the status	4	approximately?
5	of our business and we would meet on various	5	A. Every several weeks.
6	issues. And I would have occasional phone	6	Q. Where is his office in relation to
7	conversations with him.	7	your office?
8	Q. Would you describe him as a pretty	8	A. A couple of miles away.
9	hands-on president and CEO?	9	Q. So he's in a different building?
10	A. As the business has grown he has been	10	A. Yes.
11	forced to I guess become more and more removed,	11	Q. In the same city?
12	and in fact from an organizational standpoint	12	A. Yes.
13	he's, um, he's put people, more people between him	13	Q. Has your level of interaction with him
14	and the operations.	14	remained fairly consistent since September 2005?
15	Q. When did that change start to occur?	15	A. Yes.
16	A. In early 2005 he brought in a chief	16	Q. In your experience was Mr. Kinzel
17	operating officer. And the general managers as of	17	typically involved in the termination of employees
18	that time, the general managers at the parks no	18	at the vice president level and above?
19	longer reported to Mr. Kinzel. They reported to	19	A. Yes.
20	the CEO.	20	Q. How was he involved?
21	Q. Who was that?	21	A. Depending on the type of termination,
22	A. Jack Falfas.	22	it can be, you know, a specific situational
23	Q. Falfas?	23	involvement or it could be more of a general
24	A. F-a-I-f-a-s.	24	involvement.
25	Q. Is he still there?	25	Q. Was he consulted on all such
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3	the meeting?	3	in those capacities, when we were both in those
4	A. Yes.	4	capacities.
5	Q. And were they distributed to you?	5	Q. Do you know when he obtained his
6	A. Yes.	6	current position?
7	Q. Do you still have any of those?	7	A. July of 2005.
8	A. Yes.	8	Q. As of September 2005 going forward did
9	Q. How far back would you say that you	9	you have any interactions with him?
10	keep either your own personal notes or the minutes	10	A. Yes.
11	of those staff meetings?	11	Q. What types of interactions did you
12	A. Quite a while. Going back quite a	12	have with him?
13	while.	13	A. Given that we are peers on the
14	Q. In your experience did Mr. Kinzel have	14	corporate staff, we interact frequently regarding
15	to approve employment contracts with executives?	15	various business matters.
16	A. New employment contracts?	16	Q. What types of matters?
17	Q. Yes.	17	A. A couple of examples, ride purchases,
18	A. Yes.	18	um
19	Q. Did he have to approve all employment	19	Q. You said ride, r-i-d-e?
20	contracts or only those at a certain level and	20	A. Ride, r-i-d-e, ride purchases, um,
21	above?	21	benefits issues as it relates to the financial
22	A. All employment contracts.	22	implications.
23	Q. In your experience was Mr. Kinzel ever	23	Q. Do you interact on human resources
24	involved in hiring employees?	24	issues?
25	A. Yes.	25	A. With Mr. Crage?
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4	3 31 3	4	A. I met him during the due diligence process.
5	termination of employees at the vice president level or above?	5	Q. Did you know him before that?
6	A. I wouldn't, um, I wouldn't say that he	6	A. No.
7	regularly is, at least not with me.	7	Q. In your current position and while
8	Q. Do you know of any instances where he	8	Mr. Nail was still employed by PPI did you have
9	was involved?	9	any interaction with him?
10	A. I don't recall any.	10	A. Yes.
11	Q. Do you know whether he was typically	11	Q. What kind of interaction did you have?
12	consulted with respect to such terminations?	12	A. Transition issues regarding legal
13	A. I don't know.	13	matters and also human resource matters.
14	Q. Do you know whether he had to approve	14	Q. When you say transition issues
15	such terminations?	15	regarding legal matters, does that refer to after
16	A. Not to my knowledge.	16	the acquisition when Mr. Nail was on his way out?
17	Q. And do you know whether he had to	17	A. We, during the due diligence process
18	approve employment contracts with executives?	18	and through the remainder of Mr. Nail's
19	A. Not to my knowledge.	19	employment, we discussed and he updated and
20	Q. Do you know whether he was consulted	20	reviewed with me situations which were ongoing or
21	or involved at all in employment contracts with	21	in process or needed resolution or needed
22	executives as far as approving them?	22	decisions or things that were that were within
23	A. I don't know.	23	his scope of responsibility that the acquiring
24	Q. Was he involved in hiring employees?	24	entity needed to be aware of.
25	A. Yes.	25	Q. And that applied to both legal matters
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4	A. Yes.		
		4	Knott's Soak City in Palm Springs.
5	Q. When was PPI acquired from CBS?	5	King's Island in Ohio.
6	A. June 20, 2006.	6	Canada's Wonderland, Ontario.
7	Q. And it was acquired directly by Magnum	7	King's Dominion in Virginia.
8	or by Cedar Fair?	8	Carowinds, North Carolina.
9	A. I I don't know the specific	9	Great America in California.
10	legalities of the transaction. What I'm giving	10	Dorney Park in Pennsylvania .
11	you in terms of who owns who is from my	11	Valley Fair in Minnesota.
12	recollection of the entity structure chart the	12	Worlds of Fun in Missouri.
13	last time I looked at it.	13	Oceans of Fun in Missouri.
14	Q. What type of company is Magnum? Is it	14	Michigan's Adventure in Michigan.
15	a holding company? What type of business is it	15	And Wild Water Kingdom in Ohio.
16	engaged in?	16	Did I miss anything?
17	A. It's engaged in the amusement park	17	A. Gilroy Gardens you didn't mention. We
18	business.	18	don't own it. We just have a management
19	Q. What kind of company is Cedar Fair?	19	agreement.
20	A. It's engaged in the amusement park	20	Q. Is that in California?
21	business as well.	21	
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23	Q. And it's headquartered in Ohio, correct?	23	Q. That's where they have garlic.
			A. Garlic capital of the world.
24	A. Yes.	24	Q. Anything else?
25	Q. And it has been for some time, right?	25	A. So that then should total 18, right?
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4	They are associated with the amusement parks.	4	issues, converting the benefits from CBS.
5	Q. Do you know how many hotel properties	5	Q. Who did you work with on the benefits
6	that Cedar Fair owns or operates?	6	transition issues?
7	A. Five hotels, yeah, I think they are	7	A. Internally primarily Sandy Cranford.
8	five hotels and there are campgrounds.	8	Q. Who did you work with at CBS, if
9	Q. How many campgrounds?	9	anyone, on those benefit transition issues?
10	A. I think three or four. Four.	10	A. Primary contact, team leader if you
11	Q. Is Cedar Fair engaged in any other	11	will on that side that I recall was Deb Bernes.
12	businesses?	12	Q. Anything else?
13	A. Not that I can think of right now.	13	A. That's my recollection of significant
14	Q. Does it have any subsidiaries that are	14	things I was involved in.
15	engaged in any other businesses?	15	Q. How were you involved in the due
16	A. No.	16	diligence? What did you do?
17	Q. Who are from now on when I say	17	A. Information gathering, going out to
18	Cedar Fair, just to make it easy, I mean Cedar	18	the data site and reviewing agreements and
19	Fair and its subsidiaries, OK?	19	policies and benefits and just gathering
20	A. Sure.	20	information related to the responsibilities that I
21	Q. Who are Cedar Fair's competitors?	21	previously related.
22	MS. KIRILA: Objection. Relevance.	22	Q. Did you report to anyone at Cedar Fair
23	There's no dispute over noncompete here.	23	regarding the due diligence process?
24	You can answer the question, but I'm	24	A. I reported to the CEO, Dick Kinzel.
25	not going to get into competitiveness when	25	Q. Who else did you work with from Cedar
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2	Q. Well, give me who you remember with	2	A. That means that they would be relieved
3	the understanding that it may not be complete.	3	of their duties during the administrative leave
4	A. OK. Mr. Weber.	4	period and continue to be employed.
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5	Q. Al Weber?	5	Q. Did all of those people have
6	A. Al Weber.	6	employment contracts with PPI?
7	Q. What was his position at PPI?	7	A. Yes.
8	A. CEO.	8	MS. KIRILA: Restroom break when you
9	Tim Fisher.	9	get to a convenient point?
10	Q. What was his position?	10	MR. PAPPAS: Now is good.
11	 A. I don't recall what his exact title 	11	MS. KIRILA: Five minutes?
12	was.	12	MR. PAPPAS: Sure.
13	Mike Koontz, CFO.	13	(A recess was taken from 10:22 to
14	David Thornton.	14	10:31 a.m.)
15	Brett Petit or Petit, P-e-t-i-t.	15	By Mr. Pappas:
16	Q. I'm sorry, do you know what position	16	Q. In your discussions with Mr. Kinzel
17	Mr. Thornton was?	17	regarding the individuals that you just testified
18	A. I don't recall his exact title.	18	about being placed on administrative leave, as you
19	Q. Do you recall it generally?	19	put it, who made the decision to select those
20	A. He was a vice president involved in	20	individuals?
21	some creative or design capacity.	21	A. The final decision was Mr. Kinzel's.
22	Q. What about Mr. Petit or Petite?	22	Q. Did you have, give him any input into
23	A. Vice president marketing.	23	that final decision?
24	Q. Anyone else?	24	A. With respect to the area that I oh,
25	A. Pat Jones.	25	OK. Not with respect to those individuals.
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2	employment agreements with PPI?	2	postacquisition?
3	A. Yes.	3	 A. He was executive vice president
4	Q. How were you aware of that?	4	general manager of Kings Dominion.
5	A. Through the due diligence process.	5	Q. Anyone else?
6	Q. Those were provided to you by CBS?	6	A. Mr. Ross was retained.
7	A. Yes.	7	Q. What was his position pre- and
8	Q. Did you personally see Mr. Nail's	8	postacquisition?
9	employment agreement prior to the closing?	9	A. Well, immediately prior to the
10	A. Yes.	10	acquisition he was he was like on a special
11	Q. When was the first time you saw it?	11	assignment. He was an executive vice president of
12	 I don't know the specific date. 	12	the company. Postacquisition he was the vice
13	 Q. Did you see all of the executive 	13	president of marketing for King's Island.
14	employment agreements with PPI?	14	Q. Anyone else?
15	A. I saw several. I don't know whether	15	A. Mr. Rankin was retained.
16	there were any I didn't see, but I I know I saw	16	Q. What was his position pre- and
17	several.	17	postacquisition?
18	 Q. Were they all the same agreement or 	18	A. He was the vice president and general
19	were there variations?	19	manager of the Great America Park.
20	A. There were variations.	20	Q. Anyone else?
21	Q. Did anyone else have the same type of	21	A. When you say retained, as of what
22	agreement as Mr. Nail?	22	date?
23	A. Yes.	23	Q. After June 30th, 2006.
24	Q. Who?	24	A. Mr. Nail was retained. Actually, as I
25	A. As I recall, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Thornton,	25	indicated, as of June 30th everybody was retained
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2	Q. Mr. Kinzel directed you to do that,	2	A. No.
3	correct?	3	Q. Had you discussed it with anyone?
4	A. Yes.	4	A. No.
5	Q. What did you understand him to mean by	5	Q. Did you get a contract yourself?
6	honor the agreements?	6	A. No.
7	A. That we were to, um, abide by the	7	Q. Do you know of anybody who did?
8	terms and conditions of those agreements.	8	A. Yes.
9	Q. Prior to the closing date did you have	9	Q. Who?
10	any discussions with anyone at PPI or CBS	10	A. They're disclosed in the, um, public
11	regarding Mr. Nail's employment agreement	11	filings.
12	specifically?	12	Q. Do you know if those contracts contain
13	A. No.	13	any restrictions on postemployment activities?
14	Q. Did you have any discussions prior to	14	A. I don't know.
15	closing with anyone at Cedar Fair regarding	15	Q. Who made the decision to retain
16	Mr. Nail's agreement specifically?	16	Mr. Nail after the closing date?
17	A. No.	17	A. That would have been based on a
18	Q. Was anyone present in your meeting or	18	discussion I would have had with Mr. Kinzel.
19	discussion with Mr. Kinzel when he said honor the	19	Q. So did he make the decision or did
20	agreements?	20	you?
21	A. I don't have specific recollection of	21	A. I made the recommendation. He
22	who may or may not have been present.	22	approved it.
23	Q. Was there anything that you know of in	23	Q. When did that discussion take place?
24	writing regarding that meeting?	24	A. I don't know specifically. It would
25	A. Not that I know of.	25	have been at or around the closing date.
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3	about that, but you can testify generally.	3	of their duties effective the closing date?
4	A. Generally we were looking at the	4	A. Mr. Kinzel called Mr. Weber and
5	organization structure and which positions would	5	informed him.
6	be retained and which positions would not and how	6	Q. Were you present?
7	the organization would be structured	7	A. Yes.
8	postacquisition.	8	Q. What did you hear him say to
9	Q. Did Mr. Kinzel offer any view of your	9	Mr. Weber?
10	recommendation or did he just say, OK?	10	A. He told Mr. Weber that effective
11	A. I don't recall any specific, um,	11	immediately that those employees would be placed
12	reaction.	12	on administrative leave.
13	Q. Did he question you about it?	13	Q. Did he use those words?
14	A. I don't recall.	14	A. I believe he did. That's my
15	Q. Did you tell him what your reasoning	15	recollection.
16	was for the recommendation?	16	Q. He didn't tell Mr. Weber effective
17	A. I'm sure I did.	17	immediately those individuals' employment was
18	Q. Did your recommendation was your	18	terminated without cause?
19	recommendation to retain him until such time as	19	A. He did not use those words.
20	the outstanding matters were resolved or to retain	20	Q. Was Mr. Weber on speakerphone?
21	him on an ongoing longer basis?	21	A. As I recall, yes.
22	A. My recommendation was to retain	22	Q. And what did he respond to that?
23	Mr. Nail until we could ascertain with greater	23	A. Basically in the affirmative, that he
24	certainty what the ongoing needs would be.	24	would he would take care of it.
25	Q. So you weren't sure?	25	Q. He would take care of informing those
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3	individuals receive anything in writing regarding	3	Q. I show you what has been marked as
4	their status?	4	Defendant's Exhibit A. Have you ever seen that
5	A. With respect to the administrative	5	before?
6	leave?	6	A. Yes.
7	Q. Correct.	7	Q. What is it?
	A. Not that I recall.	8	A. It's a memo that CBS sent to the PPI
8		9	
9	3		employees concurrent with the sale of Paramount
10	effective on such and such a date this will	10	Parks to Cedar Fair.
11	happen?	11 12	Q. Did you have any input into this
12	A. Not that I recall.		document?
13	Q. They weren't provided any written	13	A. There was some communication between
14	notice of what was going to happen?	14	our counsel and CBS regarding this document and I
15	MS. KIRILA: Objection.	15	don't know what level of input our counsel had
16	A. With respect to the administrative	16	with respect to this document.
17	leave?	17	Q. I was asking if you personally had any
18	Q. Correct.	18	input into it.
19	A. Not that I recall.	19	A. Oh, me personally, OK. I don't recall
20	Q. Do you know who would know whether	20	having any input into this document.
21	they received such notice, written notice?	21	Q. If you look under the section entitled
22	A. Well, that notice probably would have	22	"Employment" on the first page, it states that
23	come out of my office.	23	"all active employees of Paramount Parks will
24	Q. Would someone else in your office have	24	remain employees of Paramount Parks, and/or its
25	access to that information?	25	subsidiaries, i.e., your employer will not change
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· ·	consistent with your own general
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8 MR. PAPPAS: Mark this as B. 8 traded compan	y, there would I don't believe
9 (Defendant's Exhibit B, document 9 there would ha	ve been the SEC, you know, issues
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11 contract with PPI, Bates Nos. LES00038 11 corporate gove	rnance, so forth, that a general
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18 Q. This is the contract that was in 18 discharged?	20th2
·	ne 30th? on or after June 30th.
9	after June 30th. Yes,
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	vere they triggered for and when?
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3	Q. Was it in person, on the phone or by	3	A. Approximately, I guess until
4	e-mail?	4	approximately the 27th.
5	A. My recollection is it would have been	5	Q. July 27th, 2006?
6	a telephone conversation, but that's just my	6	A. Yes, that was the date of the letter.
7	recollection.	7	Q. Sorry, I just need a yes. That was
8	Q. Do you recall generally anything that	8	July 27, 2006?
9	either you or he said in that conversation?	9	A. You said approximately, so yes.
10	A. No.	10	Q. Do you know what work he was
11	Q. But you know that you informed him	11	performing during that time period?
12	that the company wanted him to stay on for a	12	A. He was advising me with regard to some
13	period of time to help close the corporate office,	13	employment matters with respect to the
14	correct?	14	restructuring and assisting me, ongoing he had
15	A. I'm sure I did. To help close the	15	some involvement in some ongoing PPI legal
16	corporate office part of that, what you just said,	16	matters, some administrative duties with respect
17	I'm not sure about, but I'm sure we had a	17	to the corporate offices and the staff on location
18	conversation about him staying on and assuming a	18	there.
19	leadership role.	19	Q. Anything else?
20	 Q. Was there any discussion in that 	20	A. That's all I recall.
21	conversation about how long he was being asked to	21	Q. Did Mr. Nail do everything that was
22	stay on?	22	asked of him during that time period?
23	A. I don't recall.	23	A. Yes.
24	Q. Was there any discussion about the	24	Q. Did he ever refuse to perform any
25	fact that although he was being asked to stay on	25	services during that time period?
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3	regarding that?	3	A. Correct.
4	A. I don't recall specific discussion	4	Q. Do you know who first communicated to
5	topics.	5	Mr. Nail that the company would no longer be
6	Q. Do you recall what the general	6	needing him to perform services?
7	exchange was between you and Mr. Kinzel regarding	7	A. I'm sure it was me.
8	that topic?	8	Q. Do you remember when that was?
9	A. Generally it was that we could absorb	9	A. No.
10	or we would plan to absorb the PPI legal functions	10	Q. Sometime in July 2006 though, correct?
11	into the corporate staff and at that time we would	11	A. On or about the date of that letter.
12	not need Mr. Nail's services.	12	Q. Do you remember anything about that
13	Q. Did you say that to Mr. Kinzel or did	13	conversation?
14	he say that to you?	14	A. No.
15	A. My recollection is I said that to	15	Q. Do you recall generally what was said?
16	Mr. Kinzel.	16	A. I don't know I don't even recall
17	Q. And was he in agreement with that?	17	the specific conversation.
18	A. Yes.	18	Q. Other than you know it took place.
19	Q. When you say that the company was	19	A. I mean, I I don't recall the
20	going to absorb PPI's legal function into	20	conversation. I'm not saying it didn't take
21	corporate staff, what does that mean?	21	place, but I just don't recall it.
22	A. That the contracts, the litigation,	22	Q. Somebody informed Mr. Nail prior to
23	the responsibilities that Mr. Nail was responsible	23	sending out the July 27th letter what his status
24	for would be absorbed by my staff. We even at	24	was, correct?
25	the time we were contemplating and made an offer	25	MS. KIRILA: Objection. Calls for
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2	A. I don't remember one way or the other.	2	A. The letters were written specifically
3	Q. Did you ever tell Mr. Nail either in	3	to address specifically contracts, specific
4	words or substance that you were just the	4	contracts as we discussed earlier. There were
5	messenger and that Mr. Kinzel makes all of the	5	different contract forms, so there may have been
6	decisions?	6	some slight differences.
7	 A. I don't recall one way or the other on 	7	Q. Do you know whether Mr. Kinzel knew
8	that one either.	8	what this letter said before he signed it?
9	MR. PAPPAS: Take a short break.	9	MS. KIRILA: Objection. Speculation.
10	(A recess was taken from 11:30 a.m. to	10	If you can testify
11	11:48 a.m.)	11	Q. If you know.
12	MR. PAPPAS: Let's mark this as	12	MS. KIRILA: based on your
13	Defendant's Exhibit C.	13	observations.
14	(Defendant's Exhibit C, letter from	14	A. Generally, yes.
15	Richard Kinzel to Lester Nail dated July 27,	15	Q. Did you discuss this letter with
16	2006, marked for identification, this date.)	16	Mr. Kinzel before it was sent out?
17	BY MR. PAPPAS:	17	A. Not in detail.
18	Q. I show you what has been marked as	18	Q. Did you discuss it generally?
19	Defendant's Exhibit C, which is a letter from	19	A. Within the context of sending out all
20	Richard Kinzel to Mr. Nail dated July 27, 2006,	20	of the letters, yes.
21	correct?	21	Q. What was discussed?
22	A. Yes.	22	A. That we were invoking the termination
23	Q. You have seen this before, right?	23	without cause provisions of the employment
24	A. Yes.	24	agreements for these contract employees that were
25	Q. And is that Mr. Kinzel's signature at	25	being terminated without cause.
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2	A. Generally, but I believe we were able	2	(Defendant's Exhibit F, cover letter
3	to extend coverage without without going to	3	from Craig Freeman to Lester Nail, dated
4	COBRA.	4	September 12, 2006, with attachment entitled
5	Q. You're referring to the second bullet	5	"Separation and Release Agreement," Bates
6	point?	6	Nos. LES00021 through 29, marked for
7	A. Yes.	7	identification, this date.)
8	Q. Could you explain that?	8	Q. I show you what has been marked as
9	A. Well, in a typical termination	9	Defendant's Exhibit F. Have you ever seen this
10		10	before?
	situation the employee is offered COBRA, which is		
11	the are forget what the initials stand for	11	A. Yes.
12	even.	12	Q. This is a letter and attachment you
13	Q. That's OK.	13	sent to Mr. Nail on or about September 12, 2006,
14	A. It's continuing benefits. The	14	correct?
15	opportunity to purchase continuing benefits	15	A. Yes.
16	coverage for 18 months after termination, and this	16	Q. Did you write this cover letter?
17	would have if we were if I recall correctly,	17	A. I believe it was drafted by counsel.
18	we were able to continue the coverage without	18	Q. You reviewed it though before you
19	without going to COBRA, which in essence extended	19	signed it, right?
20	the opportunity for these employees to have the	20	A. Yes.
21	COBRA benefit for up to 18 months after their	21	Q. There's a bcc on the second page. It
22	employment agreement expired.	22	says Gordon Kaiser.
23	 Q. And that was true not only for 	23	Do you see that?
24	Mr. Nail, but for the other individuals that you	24	A. Yes.
25	listed before as being terminated without cause,	25	Q. Who is that?
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3	the discussion and we, um, and I believe counsel	3	A. I was going to say and the associated
4	was involved in determining the appropriate	4	paperwork related to keeping track of it all.
5	calculations to, you know, again determine what	5	Q. Anything else? No?
6	was our liability if we went full term with the	6	A. Anything else: No: A. Anything else?
7	agreements, what was an offer that was acceptable	7	Q. Any other reasons how it would benefit
8	to the company.	8	PPI?
9	Q. This was an offer that was made to	9	MS. KIRILA: Just an objection as to
10	Mr. Nail only or to the other individuals who had	10	Mr. Nail's situation or those with different
11	employment contracts? Not the exact offer, but	11	contracts might be different for purposes of
12	this type of settlement.	12	rationale, but
13	A. It was offered to others as well.	13	MR. PAPPAS: Mr. Nail.
14	Q. All of the other ones or to only	14	A. As far as I'm aware, that's it.
15	select?	15	Q. Whose idea was it to offer these
16	A. My recollection is it was offered to	16	settlement proposals?
17	all of them.	17	A. I don't recall.
18	Q. Did anyone take it?	18	Q. Were you involved in any discussions
19	A. I'm sorry. My recollection is that it	19	in which whether to offer these settlements was
20	was offered to all of them who had a significant	20	debated as opposed to what the appropriate amount
21	amount of time left on their agreement.	21	would be?
22	No one took it.	22	A. Discussions related to, OK, you mean
23	Q. What was the purpose of offering this	23	whether or not to do it?
24	settlement deal?	24	Q. Correct.
25	A. The purpose was to relieve the, both	25	A. I would have been involved in the
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2	to calling for a legal conclusion, but you	2	You can answer.
3	can testify as to your interpretation.	3	A. Please repeat the question?
4	A. OK, again, I'm not an attorney, but my	4	Q. Sure. Can you identify any business
5	interpretation is an occupation is something	5	interests that PPI would have in preventing
6	you're compensated for. So pro bono you're not	6	Mr. Nail from working for a noncompetitor of PPI
7	compensated, so	7	after his employment was terminated?
8	Q. And that prohibition in paragraph 11	8	A. I guess I would say PPI would have a
9	would last till December 31, 2007. Was that your	9	business interest in preventing someone from
10	understanding?	10	double dipping, yes.
11	A. By virtue of the reference to the	11	Q. What do you mean by that?
12	employment term, yes.	12	A. Well, collecting under the employment
13	Q. And since there's no geographical	13	agreement while they were being paid for another
14	limitation in paragraph 11 would this	14	occupation in violation of the employment
15	noncompetition obligation apply anywhere in the	15	agreement.
16	world?	16	Q. Is there any other business interest
17	MS. KIRILA: Objection to the	17	that you can identify?
18	characterization of it as a noncompetition	18	A. No.
19	provision.	19	Q. Did you ever get a response from
20	Q. I will rephrase it. Since there's no	20	Mr. Nail after you sent him the settlement
21	geographic limitation in paragraph 11, the	21	proposal letter which is Exhibit F I believe?
22	obligations in paragraph 11 would apply anywhere	22	A. My recollection is that Mr. Nail
23	in the world. Is that your understanding?	23	called me, yes.
24	A. That's my understanding.	24	Q. How soon after the letter went out did
25	Q. Did you personally ever tell Mr. Nail	25	you get a call from him?
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3	Q. What was your response?	3	signed says that PPI would be willing to waive the
4	A. I listened to him, I acknowledged his	4	requirement that Mr. Nail be willing, ready and
5	position. I think that's all I remember.	5	able to render exclusive services as provided in
6	Q. Did Mr. Nail propose a specific number	6	paragraph 7(c) of the employment agreement.
7	that he would be willing to accept?	7	Do you see that?
8	A. No.	8	A. Yes.
9	Q. Did you, after you spoke to Mr. Nail	9	Q. Did you have any discussions with
10	did you speak with anyone at your employer about	10	anyone as to why PPI would be willing to waive
11	your conversation?	11	that?
12	A. I'm sure I reported to Mr. Kinzel. I	12	A. Yes. It was part of the whole closure
13	don't recall the specific conversation.	13	issue in order to relieve both parties of further
14	Q. Do you recall anything generally about	14	responsibility.
15	the conversation?	15	Q. Other than that?
16	A. No.	16	A. No.
17	Q. You conveyed to him what was discussed		
	3	17 18	MR. PAPPAS: I just need to take a
18	in your telephone conversation with Mr. Nail?		one-minute break.
19	A. Yes.	19	(A recess was taken from 12:25 to
20	Q. Do you recall how he responded,	20	12:27 p.m.)
21	Mr. Kinzel responded to that?	21	BY MR. PAPPAS:
22	A. The gist of my conversation was that,	22	Q. Did any of the other individuals who
23	um, I reported what, that Mr. Nail had contacted	23	were offered that settlement proposal call you
24	me and the expectation was that Mr. Nail would be	24	regarding negotiating?
25	coming back with some sort of a counterproposal.	25	A. My recollection is we got a
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3	contact information and address?	3	that to you?
4	A. No.	4	A. We were, um, going through a benefits
5	Q. Do you know if anyone else asked him	5	conversion at the time. And it would have just
6	to do that?	6	been some information that, um, to update me on
7	A. I do not know.	7	people's status.
8	Q. Did you ever tell Mr. Nail that it	8	Q. Did you have any response when she
9	would breach his employment contract if he were to	9	said that?
10	move and not notify PPI that he moved?	10	A. She also indicated that Lester
11	A. I never told him that.	11	wouldn't even speak to her and she knew he was
12	Q. Do you know if anyone else ever told	12	there because she heard him in the background and
13	Mr. Nail that?	13	she thought that was kind of strange.
14	A. I don't know.	14	That was pretty much the gist of the
15	Q. Did you yourself ever ask Mr. Nail to	15	conversation.
16	stay in touch because PPI might need his services	16	Q. Did she say who answered the phone?
17	in the future?	17	A. No.
18	A. No, I didn't.	18	Q. How did she know that Lester wouldn't
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20	Mr. Nail to do that?	20	A. No.
21	A. No. I don't know.	21	Q. Did she tell you what she heard Lester
22	Q. Take a look at paragraph 24 of the	22	say in the background?
23	complaint which alleges on or about June 2007	23	A. She may have, but I don't recall.
24	defendant directly or indirectly represented to a	24	Q. Do you know one way or the other
25	PPI representative that he was still employed.	25	whether Mr. Nail told his wife to state that
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3	said. She spoke about Lester talking in the	3	particular form, do you know?
4	background. I don't recall if she told me what	4	A. No.
5	Lester was saying or if she even could hear what	5	Q. Was it a benefits enrollment type
6	Lester was saying.	6	form?
7	Q. In the same paragraph it goes on to	7	A. It appears to be.
8	allege that defendant participated in the employee	8	Q. Have you ever seen this type of form
9	benefits enrollment effective July 1st, 2007 as an	9	before?
10	employee of PPI.	10	A. This particular form, no, I don't
11	Do you see that?	11	recall seeing before.
12	A. Yes.	12	Q. So you have no familiarity with it, do
13	MR. PAPPAS: Mark this as Exhibit H.	13	you?
14	(Defendant's Exhibit H, cover letter	14	A. No.
15	dated May 21, 2007 from Craig Freeman to	15	Q. Do you know what the PPI was going
16	Lester Nail with attached document titled	16	to do with this form after it received it back
17 18	"Declaration Section," with other attachments, marked for identification, this	17 18	from Mr. Nail? A. It appears enroll Mr. Nail in dental
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20	Q. I show you what has been marked as	20	Q. Would this form be sent to the
21	Defendant's Exhibit H, and this is a May 21, 2000	21	insurance company?
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24	Q. With attached various benefits forms,	24	line down from the top, "the employee declares
25	correct?	25	that he or she is actively at work on the date of
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3	have contacted Sandy Cranford.	3	said.
4	Q. Did you ever tell Mr. Nail not to	4	Q. Do you recall generally?
		5	
5	return this form even if he was even eligible for		A. I expressed, I guess I expressed
6	benefits somewhere else?	6	surprise and asked him if he was sure and
7	Did you ever tell him that?	7	Q. Have you completed your answer?
8	A. I never told him that.	8	A. Yes.
9	Q. Do you know if anyone at PPI told him	9	Q. Did Mr. Rein give you any other
10	that?	10	information other than he ran into Lester at the
11	A. I don't know.	11	airport and he was working at Denny's?
12	Q. Did you personally ever tell Mr. Nail	12	A. Not that I recall.
13	not to return this form if he was working	13	 Q. Did he tell you what Lester was doing
14	somewhere else?	14	at Denny's?
15	A. No.	15	A. Not that I recall.
16	Q. Did anyone at PPI tell him that to	16	Q. This is the first time you had heard
17	your knowledge?	17	of it?
18	A. No.	18	A. Yes.
19	Q. Going back to paragraph 25 of the	19	Q. What did you do after you heard this?
20	court complaint, it alleges that in mid-October	20	A. I contacted our because I knew this
21	2007 PPI learned from another employee that	21	was a breach of the employment agreement, I
22	defendant was working full time at Denny's, Inc.	22	contacted our payroll department and told them to
23	Do you see that?	23	immediately, and I knew the following day was a
24	A. Yes.	24	payday. I told them to immediately stop payment
25		25	to Mr. Nail.
25	Q. Who is the employee who informed PPI	25	to ivii . Ivaii.
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3	Q. You said that to them?	3	A. The minutes are not very detailed.
		4	They are very bulleted, and, um, it may things
4	3		5 5
5	And then they agreed.	5	may or may not be in there depending on the
6	Q. Do you recall anything specifically	6	context or the level of detail or, you know,
7	that either of them said in that conversation?	7	whether it rose to, rose to a level that needed
8	A. No.	8	follow-up or continuing discussion or anything
9	Q. Who proposed cutting off his pay	9	like that, or action.
10	immediately?	10	Q. As you sit here today do you recall
11	A. I mean, that was my first thought. So	11	whether that issue was mentioned in the staff
12	I guess it was me.	12	meeting minutes?
13	Q. Did you have the authority to do that	13	A. I don't recall.
14	without approval from Mr. Kinzel?	14	Q. Do you still have those minutes?
15	A. I think I would have done it and told	15	A. I probably do.
16	him I did it.	16	Q. Before you cut off Mr. Nail's pay did
17	Q. Told him after it was done.	17	you take any steps to confirm whether he was
18	A. Yes. That's not what happened, but, I	18	employed at Denny's?
19	mean, I'm speculating. Would I have or could I	19	A. No.
20	have done it? Yes, I think so.	20	Q. Did you ever take any steps to contact
21	Q. You proposed this to Mr. Kinzel and	21	Denny's to confirm that he was employed there?
22	Mr. Crage and they said go ahead?	22	A. Not until the lawsuit was active and I
23	A. Yes.	23	guess I don't I don't recall. I'm trying to
24	Q. What else	24	think of the sequence of events here.
25	A. That's the gist of the conversation.	25	I don't recall ever contacting
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3	A. No.	3	it and sent it out, correct?
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6	Lester Nail from Craig Freeman, dated	6	other than counsel?
7	October 19, 2007, Bates No. LES0018, marked	7	A. Not that I recall.
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9	(A luncheon recess was taken at	9	A. Yes.
10	12:56 p.m.)	10	Q. Did anyone other than you have to
11		11	approve of this letter before it was sent?
12		12	A. No.
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14		14	ever reviewed the letter before it was sent?
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17		17	A. I know that they did not.
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20		20	counsel on drafting and finalizing it and sending
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24		24	A. Because it was pursuant to the
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3	A. None of those payments were.	3	him?
4	 Q. Were any payments ever taken out of 	4	 A. I have no specific knowledge.
5	his bank accounts by PPI?	5	Q. Do you have any general knowledge?
6	A. Not by PPI.	6	 A. All I know is that it was supposed to
7	Q. By Cedar Fair?	7	have been sent to him.
8	A. No.	8	Q. At whose direction?
9	Q. By anyone?	9	A. It should have been at the direction
10	A. I understand based on documentation I	10	of someone on my staff.
11	have seen that the bank did.	11	Q. I will show you what has been marked
12	Q. What bank?	12	as Defendant's Exhibit J. And this is a letter
13	A. Whatever bank it was that those	13	that you sent to Mr. Nail on or about October 23,
14	deposits were made into.	14	2007, correct?
15	Q. Mr. Nail's bank?	15	A. Yes.
16	A. Yes.	16	Q. Did you write this?
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18	MS. KIRILA: Objection. Assumes	18	Q. Is that your signature?
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20	role.	20	Q. Did you discuss this letter with
21	A. Our based on the order that we made	21	Mr. Kinzel or Mr. Crage before you sent it?
22	on October 18th, they were unable to make the	22	A. Not to my recollection.
23	correction in time. So before the money was	23	Q. Did you discuss it with anyone before
24	deposited, so an adjustment was made, a correction	24	you sent it?
25	was made.	25	A. I don't know.
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15 Kinzel about the situation and that Dick had
16 indicated that the way to resolve this was to
17 write a check to pay us the full amount. Pay PPI
18 the full amount.

This goes back and forth a little bit, but Lester said, you know, indicated to me that if we were to file a lawsuit that he would file a counterclaim. We would probably end up in

23 mediation.24 That's p

That's pretty much the extent of my recollection of the conversations.

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those conversations?

was an issue for him.

Not specifically, no.

Can you tell me generally then what

was, whatever you remember was said in any of

A. Sure. Mr. Nail indicated that he had

because he was concerned about providing for his

looked for a position -- he had looked for a job

family. He at one time said age discrimination

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Page 154 Page 156 C. Freeman C. Freeman 1 1 2 2 Were all these conversations strictly That's what he said. Α. 3 between the two of you or was anyone else 3 Do you know what provision he was Q. 4 involved? referring to specifically? 4 5 A. On my side they were strictly between A. I don't recall that we got that 5 6 the two of us. I was the only one on my side of specific in our conversation. 6 7 the conversation. 7 Q. Did you have any response to that 8 Q. Do you know if anyone was present with 8 comment? 9 Mr. Nail on his side of the conversation? 9 A. I don't remember. 10 A. I was under the impression that there 10 Q. Did you have any response to was no one else present. Mr. Nail's offer to personally meet with, you said 11 11 12 You mentioned that Mr. Nail told you Dick and Peter, I assume that's Mr. Kinzel and 12 that age discrimination was an issue for him. Do Mr. Crage, correct? 13 13 you know what he was referring to? A. Yes. 14 14 A. He didn't elaborate and we didn't 15 15 Q. Did you have any response to his offer 16 discuss it in any great length. He just made a 16 to meet with them? 17 statement to the extent that, you know, I can tell 17 A. I believe I told him I would carry you that age discrimination is alive and well. 18 18 that message forward. 19 Q. And as a person in charge of the HR Q. And did you? 19 function you didn't ask him any follow-up 20 20 Α. Yes. 21 questions as to what he meant by age And what was their response? 21 Q. discrimination? Really it would have been Mr. Kinzel. 22 22 Mr. Crage was directly involved, but he was not 23 Α. Not that I recall. 23 24 Q. And then you mentioned that Mr. Nail 24 interested in that. 25 said that he had contacted a former boss for a 25 So Mr. Kinzel told you he did not wish Page 155 Page 157 1 C. Freeman 1 C. Freeman reference and got a job offer. Was he referring 2 2 to meet with Mr. Nail; is that correct? A. 3 to Denny's? 3 Right. 4 A. Yes. 4 Did you have any response to Q. Mr. Nail's comment concerning the bank withdrawal 5 Q. Do you know who the former boss was? 5 transaction? Where he said it was a mistake on Α. 6 6 PPI's part. 7 And according to you Mr. Nail said 7 Q. 8 that the Denny's job was not necessarily a job 8 A. Not that I recall. that he would have sought, but it was a job. He 9 Did you have any response to his 9 comment that he would be willing to accept it if was referring to his Denny's job, correct? 10 10 PPI stopped paying him on a going forward basis? 11 Α. Yes. 11 Was it your impression that Mr. Nail A. Getting back to the chronology of 12 Q. 12 wasn't crazy about his job at Denny's? these discussions, I believe that that was in --13 13 A. My impression was that it was not a that was early on before I knew what his 14 14 job that he would have gone out for and applied employment date with Denny's was. 15 15 for. We didn't talk about his current level of 16 At the time my thinking was that if we 16 were not talking about a material amount of time 17 satisfaction with the position. 17 here, you know, because again, my understanding 18 Q. Did you get the impression that he 18 would have left Denny's if he had got a better was that the, that as of June he was still 19 19 20 offer somewhere else? 20 unemployed, so rolling forward from this, by the A. I didn't really form an impression one time you find a job and start, and so forth, we 21 21 22 way or the other. 22 might have been talking about a month or so, that

maybe that would have been a possibility. And I

But it really didn't go anywhere based

could have recommended that.

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Q. You said Mr. Nail told you that he

felt his employment contract was ambiguous; is

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2	on when Mr. Nail actually started his other	2	others were in the industry.
3	employment.	3	Q. When PPI learned that those
4	.	4	individuals had notified them that they had such
5	Denny's?	5	employment, did PPI continue to pay any of those
6	A. Do you mean what start date?	6	individuals under their agreements?
7	Q. Did he tell you what start date he	7	MS. KIRILA: I am just going to object
8	started at Denny's?	8	to the extent they have differing contracts
9	 A. He did tell me in a subsequent 	9	from Mr. Nail, but you can answer that
10	conversation, yes.	10	question.
11	Q. When did he say he started?	11	A. All of them all of them contacted
12	A. He said he started February 23rd of	12	me in advance of accepting those positions.
13	2007.	13	Q. And once they accepted the positions
14	Q. Did you have any response to	14	did PPI continue to pay them under their
15	Mr. Nail's comment that he would file a	15	contracts?
16	counterclaim and that the case would probably end	16	A. No.
17	up in mediation?	17	Q. Did you discuss your various
18	A. I don't remember what my response was.	18	conversations with Mr. Nail with anyone?
19	Q. You mentioned that you told Mr. Nail	19	A. Mr. Kinzel.
20	that the other executives with contracts who had	20	Q. What about Mr. Crage?
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21	found other employment contacted you?		A. I don't recall that I did.
22	A. Yes.	22	Q. Did you communicate to Mr. Kinzel the
23	Q. Who was that?	23	substance of what you and Mr. Nail had discussed?
24	A. Who were the other executives that	24	A. Yes.
25	contacted me?	25	Q. Did you leave anything out?
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3	it was too long a time frame and so the next time	3		I'm sure I did.
4	we had the conversation I just pretty much	4		Do you recall what your response was?
5	notified Mr. Kinzel that that is what I had found	5		No, I don't.
6	out and that therefore we had to pursue getting	6		Can you read the next line?
7	repayment.	7		"Disagrees with our interpretation of
8	Q. And he agreed with that?	8	the agree	•
9	A. Yes.	9	_	That's something Mr. Nail said?
10	Q. Did you tell anyone other than	10		Yes.
11	Mr. Kinzel about your discussion with Mr. Nail?	11	Q.	Do you recall your response to that?
12	A. The well, do I have a specific	12		No.
13	recollection? No.	13	Q.	Do you know what that refers to
14	Q. Do you recall generally discussing it	14	specificall	ly?
15	with anyone? Other than Mr. Kinzel?	15	Α.	The employment agreement.
16	 A. I don't have a specific recollection 	16	Q.	Do you know what interpretation he is
17	of discussing it with anyone else.	17	talking ab	oout?
18	MR. PAPPAS: Mark this as K.	18		That we were entitled to that he
19	(Defendant's Exhibit K, 3-page	19		ted the employment agreement by virtue of
20	handwritten notes with some redacted	20		the position with Denny's.
21	portions, Bates Nos. PP100762 through 764,	21		Anything else?
22	marked for identification, this date.)	22		I believe that's the interpretation we
23	Q. I show you what has been marked as	23		it we were discussing.
24	Defendant's Exhibit K. Can you tell me what this	24		And the next line I believe says
25	is?	25	"contract	poorly written, ambiguous," correct?
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3	Q. Can you read the next entry?	3	Q. The next entry says "What will
4	A. It says "if we're coming after him for	4	New York court decide?" Is that correct?
5	repayment, we'll have to sue; he'll file	5	A. Yes.
6	counterclaim."	6	Q. Was that Lester's comment?
7	Q. That's the comment you referred to	7	A. Yes.
8	earlier?	8	Q. Do you know what he meant by that?
9	A. Yes.	9	MS. KIRILA: Objection, calls for
10	Q. What about the next entry?	10	speculation.
11	A. "If we're just talking the balance of	11	Q. Based on your conversation with him,
12	compensation, he wouldn't sue over that."	12	what was your understanding of what he meant by
13	Q. That's what Mr. Nail told you,	13	that?
14	correct?	14	A. My understanding was that it would be
15	A. Yes.	15	up to a New York court to decide what the contract
16	Q. And the next entry on your notes is	16	or what the clause meant.
17	dated November 5, 2007, correct?	17	Q. Did you have any response to?
18	A. Yes.	18	A. That not that I recall.
19	Q. Is that your next conversation with	19	Q. The next entry says "lawyers get
20	Mr. Nail?	20	involved, slash, settlement." Did I read that
21	A. I believe so.	21	correctly?
22	Q. And first entry says "sincere	22	A. Yes.
23	misunderstanding of what contract," and I can't	23	Q. And that refers to the same comment
24	read that last word.	24	you testified about earlier that Mr. Nail made; is
25	A. Meant. M-e-a-n-t, meant.	25	that right?
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3	Charlotte, parentheses, age discrimination alive	3	A. Yes.
4	and well, close parentheses," correct?	4	Q. He told you he commuted for about
5	A. Right.	5	three months from Charlotte to Spartanburg?
6	Q. What does couldn't find a job in	6	A. Yes.
7	Charlotte refer to?	7	Q. And then moved to Spartanburg in June,
8	A. Mr. Nail went back and started	8 9	correct? A. Yes.
9 10	discussing his job search process and indicating to me that he couldn't find a job in Charlotte and	10	A. Yes. Q. Did you have any response to those
11	that's when he made the comment regarding age	11	comments?
12	discrimination.	12	A. Not that I recall.
13	Q. Do you recall specifically what he	13	Q. The next entry I believe says "thought
14	said about that?	14	was; got to provide for family."
15	A. No.	15	A. Yes.
16	Q. And you didn't ask any follow-up	16	Q. That's what Mr. Nail told you?
17	questions about that, correct?	17	A. Yes.
18	A. No.	18	Q. The conversation looks like it's
19	Q. No, not correct or no, you did not?	19	continued on the next page.
20	A. No, I did not. As I recall.	20	It says this is a continuation of
21	Q. The next line says, "Called Denny's	21	your November 5th call with Mr. Nail; is that
22	GC. She had worked with. She recruited him.	22	correct?
23	Senior director employment law, February 23 start	23	A. Yes.
24	day. Commuted for some time, parentheses, three	24	Q. It says, "New lawyer, Michael Weber,
25	months, close parentheses, moved to Spartanburg in	25	New York, Littler Mendelson."
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4	Did I read that correctly? A. Yes.	3 4	A. Yes. Q. Mr. Nail communicated that to you?
5	Q. Who called Denny's general counsel?	5	A. Yes.
6	A. He indicated to me that he called	6	Q. That was his new lawyer?
7	Denny's general counsel.	7	A. Yes.
8	Q. And she had worked with. Do you know	8	Q. Did you have any response to that?
9	what that means?	9	,
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3	to him.	3	regarding this matter, we decided that we were
4	Q. Did you have any response to that?	4	going to proceed with a complaint and he
5	A. I don't recall.	5	suggested, he actually suggested that I contact
6	Q. Then the next entry I believe says	6	Mr. Nail and give him a heads up so that he didn't
7	"made mistake taking money out of my checking	7	just get it cold.
8	account"; is that correct?	8	Q. When was the first time you discussed
9	A. Yes.	9	the possibility of filing a court action against
10	Q. That's what you referred to earlier	10	Mr. Nail with Mr. Kinzel?
11	before I gave you these notes?	11	A. I don't recall.
12	A. Yes.	12	Q. Was it prior to your conversations
13	Q. There's a block that's blocked out and	13	with Mr. Nail which began on October 30th or
14	it says: Redacted - privileged.	14	subsequent to that?
15	Do you see that?	15	A. I don't know.
16	A. Yes.	16	Q. It was after the decision was made to
17	Q. Who were those notes to?	17	stop making payments to Mr. Nail, correct?
18	A. I, through this entire process I was	18	A. Yes.
19	continuously checking with and consulting with my	19	Q. Sometime between that date, which is
20	counsel, and so I would in my conversations with	20	about October 18th, and November 27th, a decision
21	counsel I would make notes that were related to	21	was made to sue Mr. Nail?
22	this and that's what these sections were.	22	A. Yes.
23	 Q. So all of the ones that are blacked 	23	Q. I don't want you to tell me about any
24	out on this page you're writing about your	24	conversations where counsel was present.
25	communications with counsel?	25	Did you have any other conversations
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3	A. From a, strictly from a cost	3	conversation, which was on the 7th or the next
4	standpoint.	4	voice mail. So sometime between those two dates.
5	Q. What was your view and what was his	5	 Q. Can you read the first entry under
6	view on that issue?	6	11/29?
7	A. I was probing. I was simply probing	7	A. "Lester returned call; appreciated
8	and his response was we want back everything we're	8	heads up."
9	entitled to.	9	Q. That refers to you letting him know
10	 Q. Do you recall anything else about any 	10	that the lawsuit was filed?
11	other discussions you had with either Mr. Kinzel	11	A. Yes.
12	or Mr. Crage regarding suing Mr. Nail?	12	Q. Can you read the next entry?
13	MS. KIRILA: Objection. Outside the	13	A. "Reiterated there was no intent on his
14	presence of counsel you can answer.	14	part to violate the agreement and he doesn't
15	MR. PAPPAS: Correct.	15	believe he did."
16	A. No.	16	Q. Do you have any response to that?
17	Q. Who ultimately made the decision to	17	A. I don't recall.
18	sue Mr. Nail, do you know?	18	Q. Next entry?
19	A. Mr. Kinzel.	19	A. "Will come here and look Dick, slash,
20	Q. How do you know that?	20	Peter in the eye and tell them that."
21	A. Because I was reporting directly to	21	Q. So he is again offering to come and
22	him on the matter and he would have had to approve	22	speak to Mr. Crage and Mr. Kinzel; am I correct?
23	that actually.	23	A. That wasn't an again. This was the
24	Q. The last page of your notes	24	comment that I referred to earlier before you gave
25	A. I'm sorry, I just want to elaborate a	25	me these notes.
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3	A. The claim had been filed and he was	3	A. That would have been the conversation
4	indicating to me that his New York attorney	4	where I indicated to him that he was the only
5	believes he has a strong case with regard to the	5	contract executive that the others found
6	lawsuit that's been filed.	6	positions, but he was the only one who never
7	Q. Did you have any response to that?	7	called and I'm sure he told me he didn't violate,
8	A. Not that I recall.	8	he didn't feel like he had breached the agreement.
9	Q. And then final entry, December 7,	9	Generally that sort of conversation.
10	2007, correct?	10	Q. Do you recall anything else at all
11	A. Yes.	11 12	that you haven't already testified about, your various discussions with Mr. Nail in October and
12	Q. And did you make these notes during or	13	November of 2007 and December?
13 14	subsequent to the conversation? A. This was a voice mail and I made the	14	
15		15	A. No, I don't recall. MR. PAPPAS: Mark this as Exhibit L.
	notes as I right after I left the voice mail.	16	(Defendant's Exhibit L, letter to
16 17	Q. And you left the voice mail for Mr. Nail, correct?	17	Craig Freeman from Lester Nail, November 1,
18	A. Yes.	18	9
19	Q. Can you read what you wrote there?	19	2007, marked for identification, this date.) Q. I will show you what has been marked
20	A. "Told him I talked to RK and there's	20	Q. I will show you what has been marked as Defendant's Exhibit L. This is a letter that
21	not flexibility in our position."	21	you received from Mr. Nail in early November 2007,
22	Q. What does the next line say?	22	correct?
23	A. "We feel the employment agreement was	23	A. Yes.
24	breached and he was overpaid by \$100,000 plus."	24	Q. And he says "it was good to talk to
25	Q. Next?	25	you."
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3	A. Yes.	3	Vice president general manager for
4	Q. Was that true as of November 1, 2007?	4	Kings Dominion, the amusement park.
5	A. Yes.	5	Q. When was that?
6	Q. Did you ever ask Mr. Nail to perform	6	A. Sometime in the first half of 2007, I
7	any services for either PPI or Cedar Fair at any	7	believe.
8	time after his termination?	8	Q. Was her old employment agreement still
9	A. No.	9	in effect at that time?
10	Q. To your knowledge did anyone at PPI or	10	A. Yes, it was.
11	Cedar Fair ever ask Mr. Nail to perform services	11	Q. And how was Mr. Al Weber's services
12	at any time after his termination?	12	utilized?
13	A. No.	13	A. Ad hoc questions, nothing substantial.
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15	utilizing Mr. Nail's services at any time after	15	A. Maybe some of the historical things
16	his termination?	16	that had happened. I just don't recall
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20	Cedar Fair ever consider utilizing Mr. Nail's	20	agreements?
21	services at any time after his termination?	21	A. In the company.
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2	A. He was selected by Mr. Kinzel.	2	bank could not process my order from the 18th
3	Q. Do you know why he was hired?	3	before the money went into the account.
4	A. He was hired to become corporate vice	4	Q. So the money was already in the
5	president and general counsel for Cedar Fair LP.	5	account and you authorized the who did you
6	Q. They had never had that type of	6	authorize to take the money out of the account?
7	position before, correct?	7	MS. KIRILA: Object to form. Compound
8	A. Correct.	8	question.
9	Q. Did you discuss Mr. Milkie's hiring	9	Q. The money was already in the account,
10	with anyone?	10	correct?
11	A. Talked with Mr. Crage, Mr. Kinzel. HR	11	A. Not when I not when I directed that
12	director, my assistant.	12	the payment be stopped.
13	Q. Was that before or after he was hired?	13	Q. Right, but they couldn't stop it in
14	A. Before, during and after.	14	time and some more money got put into the account,
15	Q. Did you have any input into his	15	correct?
16	hiring?	16	MS. KIRILA: Objection. To the extent
17	A. I did not interview Mr. Milkie.	17	you know.
18	Q. Other than interviewing him did you	18	Q. Isn't that what you just testified to?
19	have any input into his hire?	19	A. The money could not be stopped from
20	MS. KIRILA: Objection. He testified	20	going into the account based on the timing of my
21	you did not interview him.	21	order to stop the payment.
22	THE WITNESS: No.	22	Q. And if it could not be stopped from
23	Q. You can have input other than	23	going into the account that means that it went
24	interviewing someone. So I am asking other than	24	into the account, correct?
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3	Freeman, dated October 25, 2007, Bates No.	3	salary and benefits that we had overpaid between
4	PPI000103, marked for identification, this	4	February 23rd of 2007 and September 30th of 2007.
5	date.)	5	Q. And what was the value?
6	Q. I show you what has been marked as	6	A. \$99,000 plus \$7,983.50.
7	Defendant's Exhibit M. The top portion is an	7	Q. Isn't that the salary and benefits
8	e-mail that you sent to Debbie Thompson on	8	combined?
9	October 27, 2007; is that correct?	9	A. Yes.
10	A. Yes.	10	Q. What is just the benefits?
11	Q. And what does that refer to?	11	A. \$7,983.50.
12	A. This refers to my notifying her on	12	Q. Is that accurate as far as you know?
13	Thursday, October 18th, that Lester was not to be	13	Sitting here today.
14	paid.	14	A. It does not reflect any payroll taxes
15	Q. And the e-mail below that is from	15	that would have been paid.
16	Debbie Thompson to you and you received that on	16	Q. It reflects medical and dental,
17	October 25, 2007; is that correct?	17	correct?
18	A. Yes.	18	A. Life, AD and D.
19	Q. What does her e-mail refer to?	19	Q. Everything except payroll taxes?
20	A. Her e-mail refers to the correction	20	A. Everything that I'm aware of,
21	being made. To reverse the direct deposit.	21	everything that I was told.
22	 Q. So after the direct deposit was 	22	Q. So other than the salary that you say
23	reversed that meant that Mr. Nail had only been	23	Mr. Nail was overpaid, and other than the payroll
24	paid through the end of September, 2007; is that	24	taxes, the amount as far as the value of benefits
25	correct?	25	you would say he owes is what?
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3	Q. Did you attempt to get Mr. Nail's		
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4	that?	4	(Time flotion: 5.15 pillin)
5	A. Um, not without counsel present.	5	
6	Q. Which counsel was present?	6	
7	A. Jill and Mr. Milkie.	7	
8	Q. Mr. Weber is not employed by PPI or	8	
9	Cedar Fair, is he?	9	
10	MS. KIRILA: Go ahead. You can answer	10	
11	that, but I am going to instruct you not to	11	
12	answer because he was consulted in his	12	
13	capacity as a former CEO and officer and	13	
14	within the privilege.	14	
15	Q. You can answer as to whether he was an	15	
16	employee of PPI or Cedar Fair at the time of that	16	
17	conversation.	17	
18	A. No, he was not.	18	
19	Q. When did that conversation take place?	19	
20	A. Friday, April 18th, 2008.	20	
21	Q. How long did it last?	21	
22	A. Ten minutes.	22	
23	Q. Who was present during that	23	
24	conversation?	24	
25	A. I was and the two attorneys I	25	
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As we discussed at the Court Conference, attached are affidavits from Mr. Kinzel and Mr. Crage evidencing that neither of them have any direct or unique knowledge relevant to this case. Accordingly, I trust that you will withdraw your deposition notices. Please let me know as soon as possible if we will need to seek court protection. Also, please advise if you need an alternative date for Mr. Freeman's deposition. As I indicated earlier, it may make sense to coordinate with Mr. Nail's deposition, which is currently scheduled for March

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AFFIDAVIT OF RICHARD L. KINZEL

- I, Richard L. Kinzel, having been duly sworn and cautioned, state as follows:
- 1. On June 30, 2006, Cedar Fair, L.P. ("Cedar Fair") acquired Paramount Parks Inc. ("PPI") through a stock acquisition. At that time I was, and am still the President and Chief Executive Officer of Cedar Fair; after the transaction I have also served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of PPI. My office is located in Sandusky, Ohio.
- 2. I am aware that, prior to the transaction, Lester Nail was employed by PPI pursuant to the terms of his Employment Agreement to serve as the Company's Senior Vice President / General Counsel. In connection with the transaction, Mr. Nail (along with other PPI executives) were terminated without cause under the terms of their respective employment agreements. This information is certainly not unique to me.
- 3. I had no direct conversations with Mr. Nail regarding his employment with PPI, the terms of his Employment Agreement, or the termination of his employment.
- 4. I have not had any communications with Mr. Nail since PPI triggered the termination without cause provision of his Employment Agreement.
- 5. Through information that has been provided to me from time to time, I am generally aware that PPI continued to pay Mr. Nail compensation and benefits under the terms of his Employment Agreement for some time after his employment with PPI ended; however, I have no direct or unique knowledge involving the details of any such payments.

- 6. I have no direct knowledge of Mr. Nail's employment with Denny's or the circumstances surrounding PPI's discovery of such employment.
- 7. Any relevant knowledge I may have about Mr. Nail is indirect and could be acquired through lower-ranking officers, employees, or agents of PPI.
- As the President and Chief Executive Officer of Cedar Fair and PPI, it would be unduly burdensome to be deposed in the litigation matter between PPI and Mr. Nail, in New York or otherwise, particularly given my lack of firsthand or unique knowledge of the matters in that case.

Further affiant sayeth naught.

Richard L. Kinzel

Sworn to before me this

day of March, 2008.

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My Commission Expires: 9-2

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: ss.

COUNTY OF ERIE

AFFIDAVIT OF PETER J. CRAGE

I, Peter J. Crage, having been duly sworn and cautioned, state as follows:

- 1. On June 30, 2006, Cedar Fair, L.P. ("Cedar Fair") acquired Paramount Parks Inc. ("PPI") through a stock acquisition. At that time I was, and am still the Corporate Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Cedar Fair; after the transaction, I have also served as the Chief Financial Officer of PPI. My office is located in Sandusky, Ohio.
- 2. I am aware that, prior to the transaction, Lester Nail was employed by PPI pursuant to the terms of his Employment Agreement to serve as the Company's Senior Vice President / General Counsel. I am also aware that, in connection with the transaction, Mr. Nail (along with other PPI executives) were terminated without cause under the terms of their respective employment agreements. This information is certainly not unique to me.
- 4. I had no direct conversations with Mr. Nail regarding his employment with PPI, the terms of his Employment Agreement, or the termination of his employment.
- 5. I have not had any communications with Mr. Nail since PPI triggered the termination without cause provisions of his Employment Agreement.
- 6. Through information that has been provided to me from time to time, I am generally aware that PPI continued to pay Mr. Nail compensation and benefits under the terms of his Employment Agreement for some time after his employment with PPI ended; however, I have no direct or unique knowledge involving the details of any such payments.

- 7. I have no direct knowledge of Mr. Nail's employment with Denny's or the circumstances surrounding PPI's discovery of such employment.
- 8. Any relevant knowledge I may have about Mr. Nail is indirect and could be acquired through lower-ranking officers, employees, or agents of PPI.
- 9. As the Chief Financial Officer of Cedar Fair and PPI, it would be unduly burdensome to be deposed in the litigation matter between PPI and Mr. Nail, in New York or otherwise, particularly given my lack of firsthand or unique knowledge of the matters in that case.

Further affiant sayeth naught.

Peter J. Crage

Sworn to before me this 6th day of March, 2008.

Notary Public

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1	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK		
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3	PARAMOUNT PARKS, INC.,	. Case No. 07-cv-10595-SHS	
4	Plaintiff,		
5	VS.	New York, New YorkFriday, February 29, 2008	
6	LESTER NAIL,	•	
7	Defendant.	· ·	
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9	TRANSCRIPT OF PRETRIAL CONFERENCE BEFORE THE HONORABLE SIDNEY H. STEIN		
	UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE		
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THE CLERK: Paramount Parks v. Lester Nail, 07-cv10595. Counsels, please state your names for the record.

MS. KIRILA: Good morning, Your Honor. It's Jill Kirila for plaintiff.

MR. SKULNIK: And also Steven Skulnik both of us from Squire Sanders for plaintiff.

THE COURT: All right. Good morning.

MR. WEBER: Michael Weber, Littler Mendelson for defendant.

THE COURT: All right. Good morning. Please be seated. I'm going to tape this because I wanted to resolve the pending motion. So please speak loudly and clearly when you do speak.

The -- I was a little surprised to see the motion filed, and I think it's fairly easy of resolution, but it doesn't -- I don't think the resolution of the pending motion for judgment on the pleadings to dismiss the third counterclaim really does much in moving the case forward. It seems to me that it's just clearing the underbrush away which I guess there's no problem in doing that.

But it seems to me that -- I mean, I'm singing the same song on all of the cases this morning for some reason, that this is fairly straightforward case with a limited -- with a discreet amount of money, let's put it like that way -- let's

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put it that way, which I think is about \$108,000 if I remember the pleadings correctly. So, if that's the framework we're talking about, it doesn't really make that much sense to be making lots of procedural motions or for that matter setting forth fifty-seven affirmative defenses and twenty-eight counterclaims although I realize that's not the numbers we have here.

I'm just suggesting I think that the parties should develop a more focused approach to the case and try to resolve it.

First thing I saw the Rule 26 report filed, which I appreciate. Not that many cases do it even though it's required by the rules. And I think I can help you with that. Paragraph 1 on your Rule 26 report is fine. That is automatic disclosures by March 14th, joinder March 31; time for amendment of pleadings as per Federal Rules, I don't know what that means. So it's okay with me.

Number four, initial documents and interrogatories

February 11. That's fine, because that's past. Date for

completion of all depositions. I'm not sure you really need

that amount of time. Again, given the fact that it's fairly

straightforward I'm not sure why you can't do the depositions

by the end of April which gives you two months.

Does anybody want to tell me otherwise? That's what my proposal to make it April 30th. Plaintiff?

MS. KIRILA: Thank you, Your Honor. Just briefly as to the motion you mentioned, the reason we filed that motion was because that was the only counterclaim that carried potential attorney's fees recovery and that was the reason to --

THE COURT: Okay.

MS. KIRILA: -- try to clean that up because we agree this is a very straightforward case, and in fact, we'd like to move for judgment as a matter of law on the contract as soon as we can. We would agree with that proposed schedule for the depositions provided that the depositions that the defendant has in mind are reasonable to get to the resolution of this issue.

THE COURT: All right. Let me hear defense. Any problem I can't set in your Paragraph 5 change July 2 to April 30?

MR. WEBER: No objection.

THE COURT: All right. I'm going to do that. And then I'll set the last day for all discovery to May 23, just gives you another three weeks to clean it up.

All right. Then Paragraph 1 is March 14; Paragraph 2 is March 31; Paragraph 3 doesn't say anything; Paragraph 4 is February 11; Paragraph 5 is April 30; Paragraph 6 is May -- May 23, and we'll set the next pretrial conference at -- you know, we'll have mid-discovery status conference.

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Let's make it April 25, 2008 at 11 a.m. That way, discovery -- fact discovery will essentially be over, depositions will be essentially over. I'll be able to talk with you about where we go from there.

All right. Now, defendant on this third counterclaim as I understand your position in your brief, you're claiming -- you're suing under New York labor law, Section 193. Is that right?

MR. WEBER: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: But that section not entirely on its face, but certainly the way it's been interpreted consistent with what it says facially is that it's really just for deductions, and you're not arguing about deductions. In other words, one of the leading cases on that is that Northern District case, which I have here. I think it was Judge Heard, yes.

Ireton-Hewitt v. Champion Home Builders; they all follow this basic pattern that says the purpose of 193 is to prohibit employers from making unauthorized deductions intended to place the risk of loss for such things as damaged spoiled merchandise or lost profits on the employer. That's the purpose of 193. And the "deductions" that you're complaining about in that third counterclaim are not deductions at all as I see it and as I think the cases see it.

You're arguing that he should have been paid for that period where they weren't paying him. I think it's from

October to the end of the year, and you're arguing that they shouldn't have gone back and I guess they took out a electronic deposit. That's not a deduction under 193 according to the cases. At least that's what my research has yielded.

Now, I'll let you try to talk me out of that now, but my strong inclination is to hold with what I think the other cases have said, and that's that 193 has to do with people who, you know, an employer as a wage earner. It's like in the old days, well, five dollars for heating the place that we're charging you and two dollars for -- because we have to get insurance on you and three fifty and then -- do you remember the movie "They Shoot Horses, Don't They." They want a hundred dollars or something but then they took off laundry service and --

MR. WEBER: Right.

THE COURT: -- and end up with Jane Fonda had nothing at the end. Whatever it was, but that's what it's designed for, not not paying under a contract. That's how I see it. Go ahead, sir.

MR. WEBER: I think that historically, you're right,
Your Honor. That's how that section has been interpreted. I
don't think the counterclaim necessarily does not apply here to
193. In other words, we haven't conducted discovery to see
what other actions the plaintiff took to withhold not only
compensation and reverse a check, but there may be other monies

that we're entitled by way of bonus, pension, 401K, other monies that may have actually been withheld or deducted as well. So I --

THE COURT: But you have no -- at this point, you have no basis for asserting that. Is that right?

MR. WEBER: Well, we know -- we know that there was a reversal of a direct deposit.

THE COURT: Right. And you're suing for that in the others -- in the other counterclaims. That's okay.

MR. WEBER: Right. So we don't know more than that right now. We haven't obviously gotten any discovery from the plaintiff to know for certain. I think there is a basis under 193, and I agree with Your Honor, I think historically it was looked narrowly as to those types of deductions that you just identified. I don't think it says that there isn't a viable claim when you do the things that plaintiff did here to the defendant. That's our position.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. WEBER: I think it's premature to rule until we have some full discovery on the issue.

THE COURT: Well, I don't think it's premature, because you have to have a factual basis for the assertions. You have to have enough facts now under the ink-ball standard to have a plausible claim and you have no reason to believe any of those improper deductions were taken. I think you're

covered if they were on the other claims, but I'm going to -I'm going to grant the motion now.

If discovery yields that you think -- you know, they took \$20 out for laundry service or the types of deductions that one -- that you and I both agree apparently 193 was designed to prohibit, I'll let you reinstate it, but I'm trying to get the case to move forward on the basis of what you really want, and that's apparently you think he was entitled under the contract to be paid.

If you know your basic theory now without any prejudice to the case, tell me what it is, because at least on what I see, the contract says you can't work for somebody else. They claim he was working for somebody else, and therefore, they didn't have to pay him and he could be fired without cause. What's the -- what -- how is the basic factual defense shaping up, again, without prejudice because it would just start --

MR. WEBER: Well, the contract doesn't say that.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. WEBER: The contract says that the defendant had to be ready, willing and able to provide services for the plaintiff.

THE COURT: And that's all?

MR. WEBER: That's it.

THE COURT: And, if he was full-time employed by

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Denny's, how is he able to provide services?
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            MR. WEBER: Well, the plaintiff never asked him and
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   there are discussions that took place prior to his termination
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            THE COURT: Wait, was not obligated -- you mean --
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            MR. WEBER: He was told that he did not have to
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            THE COURT: Sure --
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            MR. WEBER: And the contract --
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            THE COURT: Sure, wait. We're firing you without any
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            MR. WEBER: Right.
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            THE COURT: -- I don't know why we're having the
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   reduction. We can do that under the contract, and don't worry,
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   you don't have to show up. I understand that, but that -- does
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   that change the contract that says he has to be ready, willing
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   and able to provide services?
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            MR. WEBER: Two separate points.
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            MR. WEBER: They're relevant and connected, but the
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can't prove that he was not ready, willing and able to provide the service.

THE COURT: Why can't they do that if they prove he was working full time at Denny's?

MR. WEBER: Because he will testify that he was ready, willing and able to provide services with the understanding that he might have to disrupt his life, but he was told that he wouldn't have to. So he made a decision with the understanding from defendant -- from plaintiff's witnesses who we've noticed for deposition that he wouldn't have to worry. So he made --

THE COURT: Is it -- I'm just trying to understand.

Are you saying that plaintiff's witnesses knew he was working at Denny's but he could go and do that. He didn't have to worry?

MR. WEBER: I don't think they necessarily knew from what they say in their papers, but before he left, they said not to worry. So he made a decision that in reality he was not going to need -- he was prepared to because that was his obligation, if they asked him. He was ready, willing and able. They never asked him. They never asked him.

He was prepared to pick up, go back, whatever he had to do, but based on conversation he had with the plaintiff's witnesses, he felt fairly certain that wasn't going to happen

THE COURT: All right.

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MR. WEBER: -- but they never asked him.
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            THE COURT: No, I understand. Again, I'm just trying
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   for that matter quit his job at Denny's if he was ever asked to
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            MR. WEBER: Correct.
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            THE COURT: Okay. So he was ready, willing and able,
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   matter of fact, he would love to work for plaintiff but he had
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   to feed his family, and if only they had called, he would have
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   come running to work for them?
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            MR. WEBER: More or less.
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            MR. WEBER: And, Your Honor, if I may just continue on
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wrote the termination letter and the other -- and both this one -- this individual, Mr. Kinzel and Mr. Cragy (phonetic) had conversations with the defendant about the issues that we're discussing this morning. The plaintiff's attorney said they don't want to produce him for discovery. We've noticed three depositions. They're very relevant to our case, both on the defense and on the counterclaim.

So I just want to get that out in front of Your Honor's --

THE COURT: All right. But I really need discovery disputes -- there's a requirement that you meet and confer. I need you to be talking about that before you come to me because --

MR. WEBER: We did.

THE COURT: -- I'm astonished at the number of -- I am astonished at the number of discovery disputes where somebody raises it in open court and the other side says well, I didn't know that was an issue.

MR. WEBER: Well, we've already done that through emails and the position the plaintiff's counsel is taking is that they may have information but others have other information that may be more relevant. That's not for the plaintiff's attorney to determine.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. WEBER: We know that they have information that's

very relevant to the case.

THE COURT: Okay. Let's -- let's go back and talk about what the position of the plaintiff is in general in the face of an argument that, of course, we are ready, willing and able. Who would wan to work at Denny's. I'd much rather work at Paramount Parks, Inc. All you had to do was call and I'd come running. Go ahead.

MS. KIRILA: Your Honor, even if you assume that's true and that ready, willing and able doesn't mean what it sounds to me like it means, you're ignoring two other separate parts of the agreement, both of which were breached here, that he — that he provide his exclusive services for the remainder of the term.

Now, he got paid for the remainder of the term. He had an obligation to provide that exclusivity. That's a separate provision in Paragraph 5 and --

THE COURT: And he says he agrees to provide his exclusive services to Paramount Parks through the end of the agreement?

MS. KIRILA: Through the term hereof, yes.

THE COURT: Okay.

MS. KIRILA: And then in Paragraph 11, again, another separate independent obligation, it says executive shall not engage in any other occupation during the employment term.

Same thing.

THE COURT: Ooh, ooh. All right.

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MS. KIRILA: So, even if you assume that there's some argument there, we don't need it, and that's why I'd like to move on those bases as soon as we can, and two of the depositions that were notices this is the CEO and the CFO of a publicly traded company, the parent that bought Paramount Parks, had nothing to do with the underlying contract.

In fact, they inherited it, met the obligations when they changed over their executives and so they have no knowledge whatsoever about the terms of Mr. Nail's employment, that contract or how it came about. They just followed the written letter of it and they expect Mr. Nail to do the same.

THE COURT: But the defendant just said that they had conversations with his client over it.

MR. WEBER: And he signed --

THE COURT: Wait.

MS. KIRILA: May I finish. Even if there is some argument hat they had conversations with him, that's not going to trump the written word of the agreement. It has nothing to do with those other sections in paragraph --

THE COURT: No, but if they had conversations with him about the contract, he's entitled -- this is, you know, discovery. He's entitled to ask them about those conversations.

MS. KIRILA: And it's my understanding there were no

such conversations. 1 Okay. All right. 2 THE COURT: MS. KIRILA: And this is merely an attempt to get them 3 to come to New York and waste their time so that we'll drop the 4 suit. 5 Okay. All right. I understand. THE COURT: 6 MR. WEBER: Your Honor, with respect to several of 7 these provisions, they're void because when you terminate 8 someone without cause any non-competition restrictions are 9 voided, number one. Number two, it's a violation of the Code 10 of Professional Ethics --THE COURT: Well, wait. Wait, wait. 12 again, we're probably getting ahead of ourselves, but I want to 13 figure out where we're going, a contractual arrangement to provide exclusive services whether or not those services are 15 called upon has nothing to do with the law -- I don't think the 16 law in New York on the validity of non-competition agreements. 17 MR. WEBER: Separate issue. 18 Right. So, if that contract says you will THE COURT: 19 provide your exclusive services through the end of the 20 agreement, probably means what it says. 21 Says that you stand ready, willing and MR. WEBER: 22 23 able to provide those services.

THE COURT: I thought -- I thought you were pointing me to a separate provision that says --

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MS. KIRILA: I am, Your Honor.
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            THE COURT: All right.
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            MS. KIRILA: Paragraph 5 and Paragraph 11.
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            THE COURT: All right. But the parties will work this
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            MR. WEBER: Yes, Your Honor.
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   client had conversations with the two higher-ups that you
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   wanted to --
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            MR. WEBER: He did -- he did have conversations, Your
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   Honor, very specific ones with the individuals that we've
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   noticed for depositions.
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            THE COURT: Okay. You've noticed their depositions
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            MR. WEBER: Yes, sir.
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   in terms of talking about this, send me a letter and it will be
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   a letter application, a motion for protective order against the
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   depositions and tell me why that they have no knowledge, they
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   had conversations, and find out from Mr. Weber what -- the
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representations as representations of your client. If you want to attach an affidavit of your client, you're certainly entitled to but I still will accept if you don't want to go through that --

MR. WEBER: Well, Your Honor --
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THE COURT: -- I'll accept what you say in the letter.

Go ahead.

MR. WEBER: I appreciate that you're saying, but I'd like to take these witnesses' deposition first and -- before I necessarily say -- what my client is going to say. I'd like to pin them down before they hear what my client is going to say. That's my right --

THE COURT: Okay. But here's -- I understand that also, but they're going to move for a protective order, and their motion is going to be these people have absolutely nothing to say about this, and they're mucks-a-mucks, and -- I don't mean that pejoratively. I mean, you know, they are major officers of a public -- public corporation, and there are 57,000 employees who sue them, you know, they're busy men. That's what you're going to be saying, and they shouldn't have to come away from what they do for you. You can in part undercut that in your response if you want and say we'll go there and we'll go to their suites so their time isn't taken. Whatever it is.

But, if she says they have absolutely no knowledge,

that's pretty powerful to me and you're going to have to tell 1 me why you think they do have some knowledge, the extent --2 MR. WEBER: I'm fine with that, Your Honor. 3 THE COURT: -- that you want to disclose the specifics 4 is up to you, but if she says they're higher-ups, they're busy 5 people, they have nothing to do with this, they took it only 6 because the contract came with a company that they purchased. 7 Sounds good to me unless you tell me otherwise. 8 MR. WEBER: I have no problem with that, Your Honor. 9 My objection is that I had to somehow disclose what my client 10 was going to say first. I don't have a problem with them 11 making a motion and saying in a sworn affidavit I know nothing. 12 Let them take that position. Fine with me. And if they take 1.3 that position and they say absolutely, we had no conversation with the defendant, no knowledge of this case, nothing 15 whatsoever, then I'll reconsider the affidavit -- I want to see 16 that in an affidavit, Your Honor. 17 THE COURT: All right. Then we'll do it, then you 18 both -- then I won't -- I was trying to make it easier for you. 19 Then any factual representations of the client should be made 2.0 formally in an accompanying affidavit. 21 So we'll go the formal route, don't even do it by 22 23 letter. I was trying to make it easier. Do it by notice of

MS. KIRILA: Yes, Your Honor.

motion.

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Okay?

THE COURT: With a memorandum and affidavit. 1 MR. WEBER: To your point, Your Honor, I don't mind 2 not having the motion if I get a sworn affidavit. If counsel 3 wants to submit that first --4 THE COURT: Okay. I'm going to --5 -- that may be sufficient --MR. WEBER: 6 THE COURT: -- I'm not going to micro-manage this. 7 You understand. Present it to me in the way that you -- that's 8 the most efficient for each of you. In terms -- and you have 9 the schedule here, and make -- and if you can't resolve it, 10 make that motion sooner rather than later because I want to hold to these dates and it sounds like you would want me to 12 hold to these dates. Okay. 13 Let me render a decision on the motion on the 14 counterclaim because I am going to get rid of it to clean this 15 up, and if -- if Mr. Weber -- I'm going to not only get rid of 16 it to clean it up because I think that's what the law in the 17 circuit is supports the granting of the motion to dismiss the 18 third counterclaim, but Mr. Weber, if discovery yields the --19 you know, deduction for the rotten cantaloupe in violation of 2.0 Labor Law 193, I'll let you put it back on. Okay? 21 MR. WEBER: Thank you, Your Honor. 22 Sure. Let me set the basis forth because 23 THE COURT:

THE COURT: Sure. Let me set the basis forth because I'd like to show everybody in the courtroom that I still know how to read cases.

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The -- there's a motion for judgment on the pleadings to dismiss the third counterclaim, and under Rule 12(c), the standards are the same as under 12(b). That's <u>DeMuria v.</u>

<u>Hawkes</u>, 328 F.3d 704, 706 at Note 1, (2nd Cir. 2003), and as you both know, the standards now under 12(b), and therefore, under 12(c) -- 12(b)(6), that is, and under 12(c) are governed by <u>Twombly</u> -- <u>Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly</u>, 550 U.S. at 127 S.Ct. 1955 at 1974 (2007).

And that establishes under the Second Circuit the law on <u>Twombly</u> which is <u>Iqbal v. Hasty</u>, 490 F.3d. 143 at 157, (2nd Cir. 2007) that the factual allegations have to be enough to raise a right to relief about the speculative level; at this point, it's totally speculative.

I'm assuming the truth of the facts asserted in the counterclaim and drawing all reasonable inferences from those facts in favor of the plaintiff. As we said, the third counterclaim asserts a violation under Labor Law 190 and in the briefing on this, it became clear that the defendant is really moving under 193.

The defendant is not disagreeing with me that the case is primarily Ireton-Hewitt v. Champion Home Builders Co., 501 F.Supp. 2d. 341 at 353 (N.D.N.Y. 2007) states that the 193 was intended to place the risk of loss for such thins as damage, spoiled merchandise or lost profits on the employer rather than the employee.

And refusal to pay wages is not covered by 193.

That's what we're dealing with here as I understand it. That's
Monagle v. Scholastic, Inc., 2007 District Lexis 19788 at Star

5 (S.D. March 9, 2007), and Irritant Hewitt at 353 and Kletter

v. Fleming (phonetic), 32 A.D.3d 566 at 567 (Third Dept. 2006).

The alleged failure to pay wages by Paramount Parks is not cognizable under 193. That's true also not only of the failure to pay wages, but also the alleged reversal of the payment that is taking out his salary from his bank account, because again, 193 has to do with deductions and not payment of salary. That's <u>Gennes</u>, G-e-n-n-e-s <u>v. Yellow Book</u>, 23 A.D.3d 520 at 521, (Second Dept. 2005), and <u>Hudacs v. Frito-Lay Inc.</u>, 90 N.Y.2d 342 at 348, 49. That's a 1997 decision of the New York Court of Appeals.

Now, the defendant refers me to the recent certification by the Second Circuit in the Pactor (phonetic) case but that -- I don't have to be concerned about that, because that certification isn't on point for this determination.

My finding is that defendant has not alleged any cognizable unauthorized deduction from defendant's wages and therefore, I'm granting the motion to dismiss the Rule C motion for judgment on the pleadings.

All right. I think we have a way of proceeding. I'll handle this discovery dispute. I'd urge the parties as I did

in the other case to get together and see if they could resolve 1 this, but if not, it looks like it will be a very interesting 2 Thank you all. case. 3 MR. WEBER: Thank you, Your Honor. 4 MS. KIRILA: Thank you, Your Honor. 5 (Proceedings concluded) 6 **** 7 CERTIFICATION 8 I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript 9 from the electronic sound recording of the proceedings in the 10 above-entitled matter to the best of my knowledge and ability. 11 12 13 Kathleen M. Ruce 14 May 1, 2008 Kathleen Price AAERT Cert. No. 325 15 Certified Court Transcriptionist Rand Reporting & Transcription, LLC 16 17 18 19 20 21

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AGREEMENT made as of the	day of	, 2006, by and between Pa	ramount Parks
Inc. ("Paramount"), which is a	division of CBS	Corporation, and Lester C. Nail ("I	Executive"),
whose address is 9027 Kirkley	Court, Charlotte	, North Carolina 28277.	

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Paramount desires to secure the services of Executive as Senior Vice President / General Counsel, and Executive is willing to perform such services, upon the terms, provisions and conditions hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and the mutual covenants hereinafter contained, it is agreed between Paramount and Executive as follows:

- 1. (a) The term of this Agreement shall be for the period commencing

 January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2007 (the "Employment Term"). Paramount shall employ Executive, and Executive shall accept employment as Senior Vice President / General Counsel.
- 2. (a) Paramount agrees to pay Executive, and Executive agrees to accept from Paramount for Executive's services hereunder, a base salary of One Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$165,000) per annum payable in accordance with the regular payroll practices of Paramount. Base salary shall be payable biweekly or in such other manner as Paramount may designate for employees generally. Executive acknowledges and agrees that he is not eligible for a car allowance.
- (b) Paramount agrees Executive shall be eligible to be considered for participation in the CBS Corporation ("CBS") Short Term Incentive Plan ("STIP"), *i.e.*, Paramount's current bonus plan, or any successor plans to STIP. The target annual incentive award for Executive's position will be thirty five percent (35%) of Executive's base salary. The

payment of a STIP bonus, if any, and the precise amount of such payments shall be determined on an annual basis at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of CBS, or the appropriate committee of such Board.

- Paramount agrees Executive shall be eligible to be considered for (c) participation in the CBS Long Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP"), i.e., Paramount's current stock option plan, or any successor plans to LTIP. The award of a stock option grant, if any, and the precise amount of such options that may be granted, shall be determined on an annual basis at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of CBS, or the appropriate committee of such Board.
- 3. Executive shall be included in all plans now existing or hereafter adopted for the general benefit of Paramount employees, subject to the provisions of such plans as the same may be in effect from time to time. To the extent Executive participates in any benefit plan, such participation shall be based upon Executive's base salary, unless otherwise indicated in the plan document.
- 4. Executive's vacation entitlement shall be governed in accordance with Paramount policy.
- 5. Executive agrees to devote all customary business time and attention to the affairs of Paramount, except during vacation periods and reasonable periods of illness or other incapacity consistent with the practices of Paramount for executives in comparable positions, and agrees that Executive's services shall be completely exclusive to Paramount during the term hereof. Executive further agrees to comply with all applicable Paramount policies, as described in the Paramount Personnel Policy Manual.
- 6. (a) Executive acknowledges receipt of the CBS Business Conduct Statement. Executive further acknowledges that Executive has read and fully understands all of the

requirements thereof, and acknowledges that at all times during the term hereof, Executive shall perform Executive's services hereunder in full compliance with the CBS Business Conduct Statement, and with any revisions thereof or additions thereto that are provided to Executive in writing, including without limitation any notice provisions therein (notwithstanding any notice provisions to the contrary which may be contained in paragraph 16 of this Agreement).

- (b) Executive acknowledges that Paramount is an equal opportunity employer. Executive agrees to comply with Paramount policies regarding employment practices and with applicable Federal, state and local laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, disability, veteran's status, marital status, or height or weight.
- 7. (a) In the event of the death of Executive, salary payments to be paid pursuant to this Agreement shall cease immediately; provided, however, in the event of death, the estate of Executive shall receive any salary due and not yet paid through the date of Executive's death.
- (b) If, during the term of this Agreement, Paramount properly terminates the employment of Executive for Cause, which for these purposes is defined as (i) fraud, misappropriation or embezzlement on the part of Executive. (ii) Executive's willful failure to perform services hereunder or (iii) Executive's intentional breach of the provisions of paragraph 5 or of paragraph 6 hereof, or for Executive's incapacity, then Paramount shall immediately have the right to terminate this Agreement without further obligation; provided, however, that in the event of Executive's incapacity Paramount may terminate this Agreement effective only after the expiration of a period the length of which shall be determined by the Paramount Human Resources Department pursuant to the then applicable Paramount sick leave policy for Paramount exempt staff employees as though such policy were applicable to this Agreement, but

in any event not less than four (4) consecutive weeks.

- (c) If. during the term of this Agreement, the employment of Executive by Paramount should be terminated by Paramount other than for Cause as defined herein or for Executive's incapacity, then Paramount shall be obligated both to pay to Executive all applicable base salary pursuant to paragraph 2(a) of this Agreement and also Paramount shall continue all applicable plans and/or benefits pursuant to paragraph 3 hereof for the remainder of the Employment Term, so long as Executive is willing, ready and able to render exclusive services hereunder during such remainder of the Employment Term. Nothing herein shall obligate Paramount to utilize Executive's services, and Paramount shall have fulfilled all of its obligations hereunder by payment to Executive of the applicable amounts set forth herein for the Employment Term of this Agreement subject to the terms of this paragraph 7(c). Notwithstanding the above, if the employment of Executive is also terminated by Paramount for Cause or by reason of disability or death, this paragraph 7(c) shall not be applicable.
- 8. Paramount shall own all right, title and interest in perpetuity to the results of Executive's services and all artistic materials and intellectual properties which are, in whole or in part, created, developed or produced by Executive during the term of this Agreement and which are suggested by or related to Executive's employment hereunder or any activities to which Executive is assigned, and Executive shall not have or claim to have any right, title or interest therein of any kind or nature. Nothing in the preceding sentence is intended to constitute a waiver of the Conflicts Policy.
- 9. Executive agrees that, during the Employment Term and for one (1) year thereafter, Executive shall not, in any communications with the press or other media or any customer, client or supplier of Paramount, CBS or any of CBS's affiliated companies, criticize,

ridicule or make any statement which disparages or is derogatory of Paramount, CBS, or any of CBS's affiliated companies or any of their respective directors or senior officers.

- 10. Executive agrees that, during the Employment Term and for one (1) year thereafter, Executive shall not, directly or indirectly: (i) employ or solicit the employment of any person who is then or has been within six (6) months prior thereto, an employee of Paramount, CBS, or any of CBS's affiliated companies; or (ii) do any act or thing to cause, bring about, or induce any interference with, disturbance to, or interruption of any of the then-existing relationships (whether or not such relationships have been reduced to formal contracts) of Paramount, CBS, or any of CBS's affiliated companies with any customer, employee, consultant or supplier.
- 11. Executive agrees that during the Employment Term, Executive will not engage in any other occupation or engage in the leisure/theme park, motion picture, television, or entertainment business, except for Paramount pursuant to this Agreement.
- Executive agrees that during the Employment Term or at any time thereafter, (i) Executive shall not use for any purpose other than the duly authorized business of Paramount or CBS, or disclose to any third party, any information relating to Paramount, CBS or any of its affiliated companies which is proprietary to Paramount, CBS, or any of its affiliated companies ("Confidential Information"), including any trade secret or any written (including in any electronic form) or oral communication incorporating Confidential Information in any way (except as may be required by law or in the performance of Executive's duties under this Agreement consistent with Paramount's and CBS's policies); and (ii) Executive will comply with any and all confidentiality obligations of Paramount and CBS to a third party, whether arising under a written agreement or otherwise. Information shall not be deemed Confidential

Information which (x) is or becomes generally available to the public other than as a result of a disclosure by Executive or at Executive's direction or by any other person who directly or indirectly receives such information from Executive, or (y) is or becomes available to Executive on a non-confidential basis from a source which is entitled to disclose it to Executive.

- thereafter and, if longer, during the pendency of any litigation or other proceeding, (x) Executive shall not communicate with anyone (other than Executive's own attorneys and tax advisors), except to the extent necessary in the performance of Executive's duties under this Agreement, with respect to the facts or subject matter of any pending or potential litigation, or regulatory or administrative proceeding involving Paramount, CBS or any of CBS's affiliated companies, other than any litigation or other proceeding in which Executive is a party-in-opposition, without giving prior notice to Paramount or its counsel; and (y) in the event that any other party attempts to obtain information or documents from Executive with respect to such matters, either through formal legal process such as a subpoena or by informal means such as interviews, Executive shall promptly notify Paramount or its counsel before providing any information or documents.
- (b) Executive agrees to cooperate with Paramount and its attorneys, both during and after the termination of Executive's employment, in connection with any litigation or other proceeding arising out of or relating to matters in which Executive was involved prior to the termination of Executive's employment. Executive's cooperation shall include, without limitation, providing assistance to Paramount's counsel, experts or consultants, and providing truthful testimony in pretrial and trial or hearing proceedings. In the event that Executive's cooperation is requested after the termination of Executive's employment, Paramount will (x) seek to minimize interruptions to Executive's schedule to the extent consistent with its interests

in the matter; and (y) reimburse Executive for all reasonable and appropriate out-of-pocket expenses actually incurred by Executive in connection with such cooperation upon reasonable substantiation of such expenses.

- (c) Executive agrees that Executive will not testify voluntarily in any lawsuit or other proceeding which directly or indirectly involves Paramount, CBS or any of CBS's affiliated companies, or which may create the impression that such testimony is endorsed or approved by Paramount, CBS or any of CBS's affiliated companies, without advance notice (including the general nature of the testimony) to and, if such testimony is without subpoena or other compulsory legal process the approval of, the Executive Vice President, General Counsel of CBS.
- 14. Paramount has entered into this Agreement in order to obtain the benefit of Executive's unique skills, talent, and experience. Executive acknowledges and agrees that any violation of paragraphs 8 through 13 of this Agreement will result in irreparable damage to Paramount and CBS, and, accordingly, Paramount and CBS may obtain injunctive and other equitable relief for any breach or threatened breach of such paragraphs, in addition to any other remedies available to Paramount and CBS.
- 15. This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter thereof, supersedes any and all prior agreements of the parties with respect to the subject matter thereof, and cannot be changed or extended except by a writing signed by both parties hereto. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective legal representatives, executors, heirs, administrators, successors and assigns; provided, however, that Executive shall have no right to assign this Agreement or delegate Executive's obligations hereunder. This Agreement and all matters and issues collateral thereto

shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York applicable to contracts entered into and performed entirely within the State of New York, with respect to the determination of any claim, dispute or disagreement, which may arise out of the interpretation, performance or breach of this Agreement, and will be subject to enforcement and interpretation solely in the appropriate courts of the State of New York. If any provision of this Agreement, as applied to either party or to any circumstance, shall be adjudged by a court to be void or unenforceable, the same shall in no way affect any other provision of this Agreement or the validity or enforceability thereof.

16. All notices or other communications hereunder shall be given in writing and shall be deemed given if served personally or mailed by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested (in which case notice shall be deemed to have been given three (3) days from the date of mailing), to Executive at the address above indicated. In the case of Paramount, directed to:

(Attn: Anthony Ambrosio, Executive Vice President Human Resources, CBS Corporation, 51 West 52nd Street, (35th Floor) New York, New York 10019), or at such other addresses as they may hereafter designate in writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of ______, 2006.

Paramount Parks Inc.

Lester C Nail



July 27, 2006

Mr. Lester C. Nail 9027 Kirkley Court Charlotte, North Carolina 28277

Re: Notice of Termination of Employment

Dear Mr. Nail:

On June 30, 2006 (the "Closing Date"), Bombay Hook LLC and CBS Corporation finalized the transaction with Cedar Fair, L.P. and Magnum Management Corporation (the "Company"), (collectively, the "Cedar Fair Entities"), pursuant to which the Company acquired 100 percent of the outstanding shares of capital stock of Paramount Parks Inc. ("PPI") As a result, your employment agreement, effective as of January 1, 2006 ("Employment Agreement"), has become the benefit and obligation of PPI, as legal successor and/or assign.

Please be advised that PPI has determined that your services will no longer be needed after August 1, 2006. Accordingly, this letter is your notice under your Employment Agreement that your employment is terminated without cause as of August 1, 2006, and that you will be entitled to receive, subject to applicable taxes and withholdings, and subject to any other terms of the Employment Agreement, the amounts identified in paragraph 7(c) of your Employment Agreement. PPI reminds you of both (1) your non-compete obligations under paragraph 11 of the Employment Agreement, and (2) the "willing, ready and able to render exclusive services" requirement of paragraph 7(c), and any other post-termination obligations of the Employment Agreement.

PPI is currently considering making an alternative separation proposal to you, which would incorporate a lump sum severance payment, along with other terms in a separation agreement. You will hear from PPI in the near future should it decide to present an alternative separation proposal to you. Should you have any questions, please contact Paramount Parks Inc. c/o Craig Freeman, Cedar Fair, L.P., One Cedar Point Drive, Sandusky, Ohio 44870, (419) 627-2391.

Very truly yours,

Richard L. Kinzel

President

Paramount Parks, Inc.

LEXSEE 1993 US DIST LEXIS 12600

CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION, Plaintiff, v. PRIMARY INDUSTRIES CORPORATION, Defendant. CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION, Plaintiff, v. PRIMARY COAL, INC., Defendant.

92 Civ. 4927 (PNL), 92 Civ. 6313 (PNL)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

1993 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 12600

September 10, 1993, Decided September 10, 1993, Filed

CASE SUMMARY:

PROCEDURAL POSTURE: In plaintiff common carrier's suit to recover freight charges, defendant corporations filed a counterclaim for damages. The matter came before the court on the common carrier's motion for a protective order precluding certain depositions and directing that others be conducted in a certain location, as well as on the corporations' cross-motion for an order compelling discovery responses and extending the deadline for completion of discovery.

OVERVIEW: The common carrier sought to preclude the depositions of three of its executive officers, each of whom submitted an affidavit stating that he had no personal knowledge of the facts underlying the issues in the case. The court noted that while highly-placed executives were not immune from discovery, permitting unfettered discovery of them could serve as a potent tool for harassment. Hence, the court deferred the depositions of the executives until such time as it was demonstrated that they had unique knowledge pertinent to the issues. The court also granted the common carrier's request that the depositions of seven of its employees be taken in the city where its headquarters were located, noting that it was more efficient for the corporations' counsel to travel to such city than for the common carrier's attorney and witnesses to go to New York. The court denied the corporations' request to compel production of documents because the documents were of doubtful relevance to any issue in the case and were not pertinent to the common carrier's pending summary judgment motion. The court

decided to hold the discovery deadline in abeyance until disposition of the summary judgment motion.

OUTCOME: The court granted the common carrier's motion for a protective order precluding certain depositions and directing that others be conducted in a certain location. The court denied the corporations' cross-motion for an order compelling discovery responses. The court also ordered that the discovery deadline would be held in abeyance until disposition of the common carrier's motion for summary judgment.

CORE TERMS: deposition, discovery, summary judgment, deadline, coal, highly-placed, travel, protective, precluding, notice, defer

LexisNexis(R) Headnotes

Civil Procedure > Discovery > Protective Orders

[HN1] Highly-placed executives are not immune from discovery. The fact that a witness has a busy schedule is simply not a basis for foreclosing otherwise proper discovery. Moreover, a claim that the witness lacks knowledge is subject to testing by the examining party.

Civil Procedure > Discovery > Protective Orders

[HN2] Permitting unfettered discovery of corporate executives would threaten disruption of their business and could serve as a potent tool for harassment in

litigation. Accordingly, where other witnesses have the same knowledge, it may be appropriate to preclude a redundant deposition of a highly-placed executive.

JUDGES: [*1] FRANCIS IV

OPINION BY: JAMES C. FRANCIS IV

OPINION

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

JAMES C. FRANCIS IV

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The plaintiff in these related actions, Consolidated Rail Corporation ("Conrail"), has moved for a protective order precluding certain depositions and directing that others be conducted in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The defendants, Primary Industries Corp. and Primary Coal, Inc. (collectively referred to as "Primary"), have cross-moved for an order compelling discovery responses and extending the deadline for completion of discovery. Each of these issues will be addressed in turn.

Background

Conrail, a common carrier, seeks to recover freight charges that it contends are owed by Primary, a coal producer. Primary has counterclaimed, asserting that it suffered damages when Conrail wrongfully closed its port facility at Philadelphia and diverted its coal traffic to Baltimore. Conrail has filed a motion for summary judgment on statute of limitations grounds which is currently pending.

Discussion

A. Executive Officer Depositions

Primary has served a notice for the deposition of ten Conrail employees. Conrail has agreed to produce seven of these witnesses, but has [*2] moved for a protective order precluding the depositions of three others: James Hagan, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Conrail; Robert Swert, Vice President of Labor Relations; and David LeVan, Senior Vice President of Operations. Each of these individuals has submitted an affidavit attesting that he has no personal knowledge of the facts underlying the claims and counterclaims in these

cases except for what he may have learned from other Conrail employees.

[HN1] Highly-placed executives are not immune from discovery. "The fact that the witness has a busy schedule is simply not a basis for foreclosing otherwise proper discovery." *CBS, Inc. v. Ahern, 102 F.R.D. 820, 822 (S.D.N.Y. 1984)* (citation omitted). Moreover, a claim that the witness lacks knowledge is subject to testing by the examining party. *See Amherst Leasing Corp. v. Emhart Corp., 65 F.R.D. 121, 122 (D. Conn. 1974)*.

At the same time, [HN2] permitting unfettered discovery of corporate executives would threaten disruption of their business and could serve as a potent tool for harassment in litigation. Accordingly, where other witnesses have the same knowledge, [*3] it may be appropriate to preclude a redundant deposition of a highly-placed executive. See CBS, 102 F.R.D. at 822 n.2; Amherst, 65 F.R.D. at 123.

Given these considerations, it is appropriate in these cases to defer any live depositions of the three named executives until it has been demonstrated that they have some unique knowledge pertinent to the issues in these cases. Primary may seek to establish such a foundation through Rule 31 depositions upon written questions of these executives as well as through the deposition testimony of other witnesses. Until such a showing has been made, however, these three individuals shall not be deposed in person.

B. Site of Depositions

Conrail next contends that the depositions of its seven remaining witnesses should be held in Philadelphia, where Conrail's headquarters are located, rather than in New York, as the deposition notice indicates.

This request has merit. It is far more efficient to require Primary's counsel to travel to Philadelphia than it is to require Conrail's attorney and seven witnesses to come to New York. See Huynh v. Werke, 90 F.R.D. 447, 449 (S.D. Ohio 1981). [*4] Moreover, it is possible that documents available in Conrail's offices but not previously disclosed in discovery will be necessary for the depositions.

Accordingly, the depositions of Conrail's employees shall be taken in Philadelphia. Since Conrail, as the

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plaintiff, would normally be expected to produce its witnesses for deposition in the forum district, it shall initially bear the costs of conducting the depositions in Philadelphia, including the travel and accommodation expenses of Primary's counsel, as well as his reasonable attorney's fees. *See id.*; local civil rule 15. These costs shall ultimately be taxed against the losing party at the conclusion of the litigation.

C. Document Requests

In its cross-motion, Primary seeks to compel production of a variety of documents primarily related to the reasons that Conrail closed its Philadelphia facility. Such documents are of doubtful relevance to any issue in the cases and are clearly not pertinent to Conrail's pending summary judgment motion. Since the request for this discovery will be moot if the summary judgment motion is granted, the motion to compel is denied without prejudice to renewing it after the dispositive motion [*5]

is decided.

D. Discovery Schedule

Finally, Primary seeks an extension of the discovery deadline. Because of the pending summary judgment motion, the parties may decide to defer some discovery until the motion is decided. The discovery deadline shall therefore be held in abeyance until the motion for summary judgment has been determined.

SO ORDERED.

JAMES C. FRANCIS IV

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Dated: New York, New York

September 10, 1993

LEXSEE 1991 U.S. DIST. LEXIS 333

WILLIAM T. JULIANO, et al, Plaintiffs, v. ITT CORPORATION, et al, Defendants

Civil No. 90-1575 (CSF)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

1991 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 333

January 2, 1991, Filed

NOTICE: [*1] NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CASE SUMMARY:

PROCEDURAL POSTURE: The parties consented to the entry of an order granting plaintiff corporation temporary injunctive relief, which the court approved. The corporation asked the court to find defendant protesters in contempt of the order or, alternatively, to modify that order. While the contempt motion was pending, the protesters filed a motion to compel the deposition of the corporation's chief executive officer (CEO). The corporation sought a protective order.

OVERVIEW: The protesters argued that the CEO possessed personal knowledge of the facts relevant to the motion for contempt or for modification. The corporation countered that the CEO had no personal knowledge of the facts and asserted that his deposition was made solely for the purpose of harassment. The court denied the motion to compel and granted the protective order. The court found that the protesters had not demonstrated how the CEO's deposition testimony would be relevant to the subject matter involved in the pending contempt proceeding. Only the court could determine whether the protesters' conduct constituted contempt of the order or warranted its modification. Nothing revealed in a deposition of any officer of the corporation could have any bearing on that determination. Therefore, the information sought was fully irrelevant and could have no possible bearing on the issues and warranted the denial of the motion to compel.

OUTCOME: The court vacated the notice to take the CEO's deposition, denied the motion to compel his deposition, and denied the motion for a stay of the

proceedings. The court granted the corporation's motion for a protective order barring the CEO's oral deposition until such time as the motion for contempt or modification was resolved.

CORE TERMS: deposition, contempt, protective order, modification, discovery, barring, subsidiary, notice, picketing, customer, temporary, pending action, subject matter, good cause, injunctive relief, loan sharks, personal knowledge, consolidated, injunction, stationery, presently, finance, vacated, printed, picket, modify, crooks, front

LexisNexis(R) Headnotes

Civil Procedure > Discovery > Methods > General Overview

Civil Procedure > Discovery > Privileged Matters > General Overview

Civil Procedure > Discovery > Relevance

[HN1] Under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, there is a liberal policy for providing discovery: Parties may obtain discovery regarding any matter, not privileged, which is relevant to the subject matter involved in the pending action, whether it relates to the claim or defense of the party seeking discovery or to the claim or defense of any other party. It is not ground for objection that the information sought will be inadmissible at the trial if the information sought appears reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(1). Any matter that would bear on, or reasonably could lead to other matters that could bear on, any issue that is or may be in the case is relevant and discoverable under these rules. The general rule, therefore, is that the

broad test of relevancy at the discovery stage compels the denial of a motion that a deposition not be taken.

Civil Procedure > Discovery > Methods > Oral Depositions

Civil Procedure > Discovery > Protective Orders
Civil Procedure > Judgments > Relief From Judgment
> Motions to Alter & Amend

[HN2] Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c), the court may order that discovery not be had to protect a person from annoyance or oppression, upon motion by a party and for good cause shown.

JUDGES: Clarkson S. Fisher, United States District Judge.

OPINION BY: FISHER

OPINION

Before the court are the defendants' motions to compel a deposition and for a stay of the proceedings, and the plaintiff's motion for a protective order barring the deposition. For the reasons set forth below, the court will deny the motions to compel and for a stay, and grant the motion for a protective order barring the deposition until the motion for contempt or for modification of a consent order presently pending before the court is resolved.

FACTS AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On July 27, 1990, the plaintiff in this action, ITT Corporation ("ITT"), filed a request for injunctive relief and the issuance of a temporary restraining order. ¹ The court denied ITT's request for temporary restraints, but ordered defendants William T. Juliano ("Juliano") and Americans Concerned to Improve Our Nation or ACTION ("ACTION") to show cause why a preliminary injunction should not issue. On July 31, 1990, the parties consented to the entry of an order granting temporary injunctive relief, which the court approved.

1 On August 2, 1990, this court consolidated ITT's action, originally styled *ITT Corporation v. Juliano*, No. 90-2980, with *Juliano v. ITT Corporation*, No. 90-1575.

[*2] The consent order provided as follows:

1. Neither Mr. Juliano nor any member of ACTION,

nor any other person under Mr. Juliano's or ACTION's direction or control shall display signs containing the words "loan sharks" or "crooks" nor shall they verbally use the term "loan sharks" or "crooks" in any solicitation of verbal communication made as a part of any picketing of offices of ITT or its subsidiaries.

- 2. Neither Mr. Juliano nor any member of ACTION, nor any other person under Mr. Juliano's or ACTION's direction or control shall characterize the rates of interest charged by ITT or any of its finance subsidiaries as "illegal," "unlawful," or "usurious." This provision shall not be construed to prevent Juliano or ACTION from displaying a Wall Street Journal article previously displayed which characterizes certain activities of ITT in California.
- 3. No more than three persons shall picket on the sidewalk immediately in front of any office of ITT Financial Services or any other ITT subsidiary and no picketing in front of any ITT Financial Services or ITT subsidiary office shall at any time block ingress or egress to or from the office involved.
- 4. In connection with any picketing [*3] of any ITT offices, pickets shall not directly state to customers or potential customers "Don't sign on the dotted line" or "Don't do business with ITT, ITT Financial Services, ITT Consumer Finance" or any other language that the direct impact of which is to urge a potential or actual customer not to do business with ITT or its subsidiaries.
- 5. It is further ordered that the interim relief reflected in this Consent Order is without prejudice to the position of either side on the merits of any of the pending litigation among the parties. Either side may apply at any time for relief from the Court to modify this Order and to seek such other relief as may be appropriate.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the requirement of an injunction bond imposed in the Court's Order of Friday, July 27, 1990, is hereby vacated and no bond shall be required by reason of the parties' consent to this Order; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Order.

ITT Corp. v. Juliano, No. 90-2780 (D.N.J. July 31, 1990) (consent order entered with court's approval), later consolidated with *Juliano v. ITT Corp.*, No. 90-1575.

Subsequent to the entry of this order, [*4] Juliano sent a letter, printed on ACTION stationery and dated August 3, 1990, to Rand V. Araskog ("Araskog"), Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of ITT. He sent another to Timothy Ryan, Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, also printed on ACTION stationery and dated August 3, 1990. In the letters, Juliano indicated that copies were being sent to numerous other parties.

ITT maintains that Juliano's letters contain disparaging statements about ITT, in violation of the consent order entered on July 31, 1990. Consequently, ITT filed a motion on August 29, 1990, asking the court to find the defendants in contempt of the order, or, alternatively, to modify that order. On September 18, 1990, while the motion for contempt or modification was pending, Juliano and ACTION filed a notice to take the deposition of Araskog. When ITT refused to present Araskog, Juliano and ACTION filed a motion to compel the deposition on November 15, 1990. In response, on November 19, 1990, ITT filed a motion for a protective order barring the defendants from proceeding with the oral deposition of Araskog.

Juliano and ACTION maintain that Araskog possesses personal knowledge of the facts [*5] relevant to the motion for contempt or for modification. ITT counters that Araskog has no personal knowledge of the facts and asserts that the demand for his deposition is made solely for the purpose of harassment. The motions to compel and for a protective order are presently before the court.

ANALYSIS

[HN1] Under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, there is a liberal policy for providing discovery:

Parties may obtain discovery regarding any matter, not privileged, which is relevant to the subject matter involved in the pending action, whether it relates to the claim or defense of the party seeking discovery or to the claim or defense of any other party . . . It is not ground for objection that the information sought will be inadmissible at the trial if the information sought appears reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(1) (emphasis added). Any matter that would bear on, or reasonably could lead to other

matters that could bear on, any issue that is or may be in the case is relevant and discoverable under these rules. Tele-Radio Systems Ltd. v. De Forest Electronics, Inc., 92 F.R.D. 371, 375 (D.N.J. 1981) (citing [*6] Oppenheimer Fund, Inc. v. Sanders, 437 U.S. 340, 351 (1978)); see also Hickman v. Taylor, 329 U.S. 495, 507 (1947); Leksi, Inc. v. Federal Ins. Co., 129 F.R.D. 99, 104 (D.N.J. 1989). The general rule, therefore, is that the broad test of relevancy at the discovery stage compels the denial of a motion that a deposition not be taken. 8 C. Wright & A. Miller, Federal Practice and Procedure, § 2037, at 275 (1970).

However, the question before the court in this action is whether the mailing and content of the letters dated August 3, 1990, constitute contempt of the consent order or warrant its modification. In order to obtain discovery in accordance with rule 26, Juliano and ACTION must demonstrate how the deposition testimony of Araskog would be "relevant to the subject matter involved in the pending action " Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(1). This they cannot do. Only the court may determine whether the Juliano's conduct constitutes contempt of the order or warrants its modification. Nothing revealed in a deposition of any corporate officer of ITT could have any bearing on that determination. Therefore, the information sought is "'fully irrelevant and could have no possible [*7] bearing on the issues" and warrants the denial of the motion to compel. Grinnell Corp. v. Hackett, 70 F.R.D. 326, 334 (D.R.I. 1976) (quoting 8 C. Wright & A. Miller, Federal Practice and Procedure, § 2037, at 275 (1970)).

Because Juliano and ACTION cannot meet the threshold requirement of *rule 26*, the court vacates the notice to take the deposition of Araskog, denies the motion to compel his deposition and denies the motion for a stay of the proceedings.

[HN2] Under *rule* 26(c), the court may order that discovery not be had to protect a person from annoyance or oppression, upon motion by a party and for good cause shown. *Fed. R. Civ. P.* 26(c). In accordance with this rule, the court grants the motion for a protective order barring the oral deposition of Araskog until such time as the motion for contempt or modification is resolved. An order accompanies this opinion. No costs.

ORDER - January 2, 1991, Filed and Entered

This matter having come before the court on motion

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by defendants William T. Juliano and Americans Concerned to Improve Our Nation or ACTION to compel the deposition of Rand V. Araskog and to stay the proceedings; and on motion by plaintiff ITT Corporation for a protective [*8] order barring the deposition of Rand V. Araskog; and the court having considered the argument and submissions in support of the motions; and good cause appearing,

IT IS on this 2nd day of January, 1991,

ORDERED that the notice to take the deposition of Rand V. Araskog be and hereby is vacated; that the motion to compel the deposition of Rand V. Araskog be and hereby is denied; and that the motion for a stay of the proceedings be and hereby is denied;

FURTHER ORDERED that the motion for a protective order barring the oral deposition of Rand V. Araskog be and hereby is granted until such time as the motion for contempt or modification is resolved.

LEXSEE 2002 U.S. DIST. LEXIS 19691

RONALD A. KATZ TECHNOLOGY LICENSING, L.P., Plaintiff, v. VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS, INC., and CELLCO PARTNERSHIP d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS, Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 01-5627

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

2002 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 19691

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DISPOSITION: Motion to compel discovery granted in part and denied in part.

CASE SUMMARY:

PROCEDURAL POSTURE: Plaintiff company sued defendants, corporation and partnership, and alleged the infringement of patents in the area of interactive telephone technology. The corporation moved for summary judgment on the grounds that it was merely a holding company. The district court allowed the company discovery into the issues raised in the corporation's summary judgment motion. The company then filed a motion to compel extensive discovery from the corporation.

OVERVIEW: The company sought to compel the production of documents and the depositions of three witnesses. The court found that considering the failure of the company to allege that piercing the corporate veils of the corporation's subsidiaries was necessary to prevent fraud, injustice, illegality, or criminal conduct, piercing the corporate veil was not within the subject matter of the case under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26. The company's motion to compel documents that dealt with the corporation's role in the provision of services utilizing the technology in question was granted because those requests sought to discover material relevant to the company's properly alleged claims. The company's motions to compel documents that dealt solely with the corporation's subsidiaries' provision of services and those dealing with the organization of the corporation's subsidiaries were denied because the documents would not have produced

any relevant information as to either the company's agency theory of liability or its theory of inducing infringement. Those requests also would have placed an undue burden on the corporation. Compelling the deposition of the first witness would have been an undue burden.

OUTCOME: The company's motion to compel discovery was granted as to those documents that dealt with the corporation's role in the provision of services that utilized the technology in question, and was denied as to those documents that dealt solely with the corporation's subsidiaries' provision of services and that dealt with the organization of the corporation's subsidiaries. The company's motion to compel deposition of three witnesses was denied.

CORE TERMS: subsidiary, discovery, deposition, infringement, technology, corporate veil, piercing, subject matter, alter-ego, patent, discover, production of documents, inducement, provision of services, undue burden, infringe, aimed, relevant information, theory of liability, infringed, outweighs, patented, inducing, induced, responsive, legal standards, prevent fraud, fishing expedition, corporate entity, reasonably calculated to lead

LexisNexis(R) Headnotes

Civil Procedure > Discovery > Methods > General Overview

Civil Procedure > Discovery > Relevance

[HN1] Resolving discovery disputes is the responsibility of a district court. For good cause, the court may order discovery of any matter relevant to the subject matter involved in the action. Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(1)(2002). While the scope of discovery under that rule is broad, it is far from unlimited. The rule requires the district court, when considering a motion to compel, to determine whether the material sought is relevant to the subject matter of the litigation.

Civil Procedure > Discovery > Methods > General Overview

Civil Procedure > Discovery > Relevance Civil Procedure > Discovery > Undue Burdens

[HN2] In addition to limiting discovery to material relevant to the subject matter of the litigation, Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 provides for further limitations. A court may limit discovery when it is obtainable from some other source that is more convenient, less burdensome, or less expensive. Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(2). In addition, discovery should not be allowed when the burden or expense of the proposed discovery outweighs its likely benefit. Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(2).

Business & Corporate Law > Corporations > Shareholders > Disregard of Corporate Entity > General Overview

Torts > Vicarious Liability > Corporations > Subsidiary Corporations

[HN3] Holding a parent liable for the actions of a subsidiary is the exception rather than the rule. Traditionally, piercing the corporate veil has been an equitable remedy. That extraordinary remedy is used when the court must prevent fraud, illegality, or injustice, or when recognition of the corporate entity would defeat public policy or shield someone from liability for a crime. Further, the fraud that a court seeks to prevent by employing that doctrine must be fraud facilitated by the use of the corporate form.

Business & Corporate Law > Corporations > Shareholders > Disregard of Corporate Entity > General Overview

[HN4] The United States Supreme Court has held that a parent corporation's exercise of the level of control normally afforded to stockholders falls short of a justification to pierce the corporate veil.

Business & Corporate Law > Agency Relationships > Establishment > Elements > General Overview

Torts > Vicarious Liability > Corporations > General Overview

[HN5] One corporation whose shares are owned by a second corporation does not, by that fact alone, become the agent of the second company.

Patent Law > Infringement Actions > Infringing Acts > Contributory, Indirect & Induced Infringement Patent Law > Remedies > Bad Faith Enforcement

[HN6] A defendant may be liable for infringement if it actively induces infringement of a patent. 35 U.S.C.S. § 271(b)(2002). Inducement consists of intent and an act that causes, aids, or abets infringement. The first step in that analysis is to determine whether the requisite intent to aid or abet infringement is present. Under that theory, a party who induces infringement may be liable as if they themselves had infringed.

Civil Procedure > Discovery > Disclosures > Mandatory Disclosures

Civil Procedure > Discovery > Methods > Oral Depositions

[HN7] A defendant is not required to produce for deposition a person who is not a party.

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OPINION BY: Newcomer

OPINION

Currently before the Court is the Plaintiff Ronald A. Katz Technology [*2] Licensing, L.P.'s (hereinafter referred to as RAKTL) Motion to Compel Discovery from Defendant Verizon Communications Incorporated (hereinafter referred to as VCI). The Plaintiff seeks to compel the production of documents and certain depositions. For the reasons stated below, RAKTL's motion is granted in part, and denied in part.

I. BACKGROUND

RAKTL brought this suit alleging the infringement of fourteen patents in the area of interactive telephone technology. RAKTL named two defendants, Cellco Partnership and VCI. VCI moved for Summary Judgment on the grounds that it is merely a holding company, and therefore, does not provide any services that make use of the alleged technology. This Court allowed RAKTL limited discovery into the issues raised in VCI's Motion for Summary Judgment. Ronald A. Katz Technology v. Verizon Communications Incorporated, No. 01-CV-5627 (E.D.Pa. filed Jan. 23, 2001)(ordering limited discovery).

Following this order RAKTL sought extensive discovery from VCI. RAKTL noticed the depositions of fourteen potential witnesses, requested a deposition under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 30(b)(6) on a total of twenty-two topics, and made over [*3] fifty-eight document requests. A dispute arose over the propriety of these requests, leading to the current motion. In its motion, RAKTL seeks to compel the production of documents in response to 23 of its document requests. Further, RAKTL seeks to compel the depositions of three witnesses: Lawrence T. Babbio, Bruce S. Gordon, and Timothy McCallion. The motion also seeks to compel a deposition pursuant to rule 30(b)(6) as to "VCI's involvement in and coordination of the development and imposition of nationwide or company-wide standards or goals for the provision of any aspect of any Verizon

Accused Service." Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Appendix A, RAKTL v. VCI, (E.D.Pa. 2002)(01-CV-5627). We now turn to the merits of RAKTL's motion to compel this discovery.

II. LEGAL STANDARDS

[HN1] Resolving discovery disputes is the responsibility of the District Court. "For good cause, the court may order discovery of any matter relevant to the subject matter involved in the action." FED. R. CIV. P. 26(b)(1)(2002). While the scope of discovery under this rule is broad, it is far from unlimited. The rule requires the District Court, when considering a motion to compel, to determine [*4] whether the material sought is relevant to the "subject matter of the litigation." See United Steelworkers of Am. v. Allegheny Ludlum Corp., 2002 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 17816, 2002 WL 31002836(W.D.Pa. 2002)(stating that a court must determine what is properly part of the litigation). The court must prevent discovery from being used as a fishing expedition. Zuk v. Eastern Pa. Psychiatric Institute, 103 F.3d 294, 299 (3d Cir. 1996).

[HN2] In addition to limiting discovery to material relevant to the subject matter of the litigation, *Rule 26* provides for further limitations. A court may limit discovery when it is "obtainable from some other source that is more convenient, less burdensome, or less expensive." *FED. R. CIV. P. 26(b)(2)(2002)*. In addition, discovery should not be allowed when "the burden or expense of the proposed discovery outweighs its likely benefit." *FED. R. CIV. P. 26(b)(2)(2002)*.

III. RAKTL'S LEGAL THEORIES IN RESPONSE TO VCI'S MOTION

We first turn to the legal claims raised by RAKTL in order to determine what discovery is relevant to the subject matter of this action. This should not be confused as an inquiry into the merits of these claims. At this stage [*5] the issue is not whether a party may ultimately prevail on a theory, but whether the allegations are sufficient to justify the discovery sought. *Jackam v. Hospital Corp. of Am. Mideast, Ltd., 800 F.2d 1577, 1579-80 (11th Cir. 1986)*; see In re Towner Petroleum Co. Securities Litigation, 1986 WL 2444 at *4(E.D.Pa. 1986).

RATKL seeks discovery to support the imposition of parental liability of VCI. RAKTL appears to accept the

basic premise of VCI's Summary Judgment Motion, that VCI does not directly provide any services which could infringe on RACKTL's patents. Rather, if there was any infringement it occurred through subsidiaries of VCI. RAKTL claims that three theories are at issue in this case that cause VCI to be liable for the actions of its subsidiaries. First, RAKTL claims that VCI is liable for infringement as the alter-ego of its subsidiaries, a theory also commonly referred to as piercing the corporate veil. 1 Second, it claims that VCI is liable under an agency theory. Specifically, RAKTL claims that VCI's subsidiaries were acting as agents of VCI when they allegedly infringed on RAKTL's patents. Third, RAKTL claims that VCI is liable because [*6] they induced infringement by its subsidiaries.

> 1 While the precise nomenclature of the doctrine is not clear, the legal standards governing the doctrine are identical whether courts call it alter-ego liability or piercing the corporate veil. Phoenix Canada Oil Co., Ltd. v. Texaco, Inc., 842 F.2d 1466, 1476 (3d Cir. 1988).

A. ALTER EGO LIABILITY- PIERCING THE CORPORATE VEIL

The Plaintiff argues that the documents and depositions requested will lead to the discovery of admissible evidence concerning whether VCI is susceptible to alter-ego liability through piercing the corporate veil of its subsidiaries. [HN3] Holding a parent liable for the actions of a subsidiary is the exception rather than the rule. United States v. Best Foods, 524 U.S. 51, 55-56, 141 L. Ed. 2d 43, 118 S. Ct. 1876 (1998). Traditionally, piercing the corporate veil has been an equitable remedy. Pearson v. Component Tech., 247 F.3d 471, 484 (3d Cir. 2001). This extraordinary remedy is used [*7] "when the court must prevent fraud, illegality, or injustice, or when recognition of the corporate entity would defeat public policy or shield someone from liability for a crime." Zubik v. Zubik, 384 F.2d 267, 272 (3d Cir. 1967). Further, the fraud that a court seeks to prevent by employing this doctrine must be fraud facilitated by the use of the corporate form. Id. at 273 (footnote omitted). See also American Bell Inc. v. Federation of Tel. Workers of Pa., 736 F.2d 879, 889 (3d Cir.1984) (stating that piercing is warranted when a subsidiary "was created merely to avoid the effect of ... laws"); Operating Engineers Pension Trust v. Reed, 726 F.2d 513, 515 (9th Cir.1984) (evaluating the "fraudulent

intent behind the corporation"); Luckett v. Bethlehem Steel Corp., 618 F.2d 1373, 1379 (10th Cir. 1980)("[a] court will disregard the corporate entity where fraud or illegal or inequitable conduct is the result of the use of the corporate structures").

RAKTL has failed to make sufficient allegations to warrant discovery into an alter-ego/piercing the corporate veil claim. The Plaintiff has never alleged [*8] that piercing the corporate veils of VCI's subsidiaries is necessary to prevent fraud, injustice, illegality, or criminal conduct. ² They merely alleged "that VERIZON is a well-coordinated, centrally controlled entity." Plaintiff's Motion to Compel at 10, RAKTL v. VCI, (E.D.Pa. 2002)(01-CV-5627). [HN4] The United States Supreme Court has held that a parent corporation's exercise of the level of control normally afforded to stockholders falls short of a justification to pierce the corporate veil. United States v. Best Foods, 524 U.S. 51, 61 55-56, 141 L. Ed. 2d 43, 118 S. Ct. 1876 (1998). Moreover, RAKTL has failed to allege, nor could they allege, one of the basic requirements for any equitable remedy, that legal remedies are not sufficient. 19 AM. JUR. 2D, CORPORATIONS § 2243 (2002). Considering the failure of RAKTL to properly make these necessary allegations, piercing the corporate veil is not within the subject matter of this case for purposes of Rule 26. See Uttis v. General Motors Corp., 62 F.R.D. 560, 562-3 (E.D.Pa. 1974)(refusing to permit discovery into a theory previously not at issue in the case); Abu-Nassar v. Elders Futures, 1991 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 3794, 1991 WL 45062 at 16 (S.D.N.Y. 1991) [*9] (finding that discovery on a claim that was not validly alleged was "nothing more than a 'fishing expedition'").

- 2 An independent review of RAKTL's complaint finds no allegation of fraud in its pleading. Even under the liberal federal pleading rules, fraud must be plead with particularity. FED. R. CIV. P. 9(b)(2002). No particular claims of fraud are contained in any of RAKTL's submissions to this Court.
- 3 In this case, VCI's subsidiaries are capable of paying substantial damages awards. There is no indication that these companies would not be able to compensate RAKTL for any and all damages that were caused by their infringement.

B. AGENCY LIABILITY

RAKTL further claims that VCI potentially could be

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liable because its subsidiaries were acting as agents of the parent corporation. [HN5] "One corporation whose shares are owned by a second corporation does not, by that fact alone, become the agent of the second company." Phoenix Canada Oil Co., Ltd. v. Texaco, Inc., 842 F.2d 1466, 1477 (3d Cir. 1988). [*10] VCI may be liable, however, if it is directing the specific actions of the alleged agent. See Mobil Oil Corp. v. Linear Films, Inc., 718 F. Supp. 260, 272 (D.Del. 1989). Any evidence of this direction must be centered around the allegedly infringing transaction. See Id. While there is not sufficient basis to justify discovery into an alter-ego theory, we find that there are sufficiently based allegations to allow RAKTL to pursue discovery into VCI's direction of its subsidiaries with regard specifically to the use of the patented technology.

C. INDUCING INFRINGEMENT

The final theory that RAKTL puts forward to justify its requested discovery is that VCI is inducing infringement and is thus in violation of federal law. [HN6] The Defendant may be liable for infringement if it "actively induced infringement of a patent." 35 U.S.C § 271(b)(2002). Inducement consists of intent and an act that causes, aids, or abets infringement. Water Tech. Corp. v. Calco. Ltd., 850 F.2d 660, 668 (Fed. Cir. 1988). The first step in this analysis is to determine whether the requisite intent to aid or abet infringement is present. Symbol Technologies, Inc. v. Metrologic Instruments, Inc., 771 F. Supp. 1390 (E.D.Pa. 1991). [*11] Under this theory, a party who induces infringement may be liable as if they themselves had infringed, and accordingly this theory is within the subject matter of RAKTL's allegations in this case.

We now turn to the specific requests contained in RAKTL's motion to compel.

IV. RAKTL'S REQUESTS FOR DISCOVERY

A. PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

RAKTL's requests for the production of documents can be organized into three groups: those dealing with VCI's role in the provision of services utilizing the technology in question (Document requests 8, 9, 10, 11, 22, 33, 34, 46, 57, 58); those dealing solely with VCI's subsidiaries' provision of those services (Document requests 17, 18, 22, 33, 34, 40, 42, 46, 50, 56, 57, 58); and those dealing with the organization of VCI's

subsidiaries (Document requests 7, 21, 35, 37, 43, 45, 54). ⁴ The Motion to Compel the first category of documents is granted because these requests seek to discover material relevant to RAKTL's properly alleged claims. The documents responsive to the second two categories, however, will not produce any relevant information as to either RAKTL's agency theory of liability or its theory of inducing infringement. [*12] Further, these requests would place an undue burden on VCI. Therefore, the Motion to Compel the production of these documents will be denied.

4 This categorization of the document requests in issue largely follows RATKL's own division. Plaintiff's Motion to Compel at 2, RAKTL v. VCI, (E.D.Pa. 2002)(01-CV-5627). The Court, however, can not agree with some of RAKTL's characterizations of its requests. For example, RATKL claims that Request Number 21, which asks for all of the documents in Mr. Babbio's possession relating to the provision of wireline services, is a request pertaining to VCI's coordination over the provision of the accused services. In actuality this request seeks to discover all of Mr. Babbio's correspondence regarding the provision of almost any service by a VCI subsidiary. Accordingly this request is more properly considered as requesting documents relating to the general organization of VCI and its subsidiaries.

The document requests aimed at discovering information about RAKTL's role [*13] in the provision of services using the patented technology are reasonably calculated to lead to admissible evidence. Each of these requests seeks documents from the Defendant VCI, not from its subsidiaries. The documents sought via these requests include communications and directives by high ranking employees of VCI regarding the provision of services that could infringe on the patents-at-issue. ⁵ These documents are aimed at discovering conduct on the part of the Defendant that either induced infringement by a subsidiary or directed a subsidiary to infringe; and therefore could potentially support VCI's liability.

5 An example of these requests reads:

Request No. 8

Produce all Communications from any officer or director of

Defendant VCI to any Verizon Subsidiary relating to any VERIZON Accused Service.

Plaintiff's Motion to Compel at Appendix A, RAKTL v. VCI, (E.D.Pa. 2002)(01-CV-5627).

RAKTL's request for documents concerning the provision of services using patented technology by [*14] VCI's subsidiaries are not relevant to either an agency or inducement theory. ⁶ Both of these theories focus on the actions of the Defendant. The documents sought in these requests would at best show that a non-party, a VCI subsidiary, infringed on a patent. They are not relevant to establishing the parental liability of VCI.

6 As stated in section 3.A., supra, an alter-ego theory of liability has not been sufficiently alleged to warrant allowing discovery on that basis.

Further, these requests would place an undue burden on VCI. To obtain the requested documents VCI would have to search the files of literally hundreds of subsidiaries who are not even parties to this action. Accordingly, the burden placed on VCI of producing these documents clearly outweighs their usefulness.

Several of the requests at issue, specifically requests 33, 34, 46, 57, 58, are either explicitly or implicitly aimed at documents from both VCI and its subsidiaries, and arguably fall into both of the first two categories. ⁷ To the [*15] extent that these requests are aimed at VCI's documents, they seek evidence relevant to the subject matter of the litigation; but to the extent they seek activities undertaken solely by VCI subsidiaries they are not. Accordingly, the Motion to Compel is granted with regard to documents concerning VCI activity; but not as to activity that was exclusively undertaken by its subsidiaries.

7 These requests use terms without specifying, as RAKTL does in other requests, whether they are asking for documents form VCI or VCI subsidiaries. Request Number 58 for example simply states:

Produce all DOCUMENTS relating to negotiations, agreements, and/or contracts with local service providers for use of local networks to provide

VERIZON Accused Services.

Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Appendix A, RAKTL v. VCI(E.D.Pa. 2002)(01-CV-5627).

The third category of requests are irrelevant to any actual issues in this case, and producing the documents requested would be unduly burdensome on VCI. RAKTL seeks to discover [*16] an inconceivable number of documents pertaining to the structure and management of VCI's subsidiaries, including: the names and job descriptions of all the officers and directors of the over one-hundred VCI subsidiaries; organizational charts of each of these subsidiaries; and all documents of VCI and all the minutes from board meetings of VCI relating to the management of those subsidiaries. Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Appendix A, Request Nos. 7, 35, 43, and 54, RAKTL v. VCI(E.D.Pa. 2002)(01-CV-5627). The vast majority of these documents have no role in leading to the discovery of evidence relevant to patent infringement, let alone VCI's involvement in it.

Moreover, the substantial effort that would be required to produce these voluminous documents represents a undue burden on VCI. Like the previous category, these requests would force VCI to produce documents not in its possession, but in the possession of its subsidiaries. Accordingly, RAKTL's motion to compel these documents is denied.

B. DEPOSITION OF MR. BABBIO

RAKTL asks this Court to compel the deposition of Lawrence T. Babbio, VCI's President and Vice-Chairman. At the current time, the burden that attending [*17] a deposition would have on Mr. Babbio significantly outweighs any benefit the deposition would provide to RAKTL. See *FED. R. CIV. P.* 26(b)(2)(2002). It appears that Mr. Babbio could not provide any relevant information and that RAKTL has failed to utilize other available means of discovery.

Currently, it is doubtful that Mr. Babbio has any information that would be helpful to RAKTL. In its motion, RAKTL merely states that Mr. Babbio has personal knowledge of highly probative material. Plaintiff's Motion to Compel at 14-15, RAKTL v. VCI, (E.D.Pa. 2002)(01-CV-5627). RAKTL points to several publicly available sources in attempt to support this statement. Theses sources, however, only show that Mr. Babbio is an important executive with high level

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managerial responsibilities. These sources are entirely consistent with a declaration offered by Mr. Babbio stating that he deals only with general policy and procedures relating to the management of VCI subsidiaries. Defendant's Response Brief, Ex. A P4, RAKTL v. VCI(E.D.Pa. 2002)(01-CV-5627). In his declaration he further affirmed that he does not have any knowledge of what technology is used in the provision of any of those subsidiaries' [*18] services which may infringe on the patents-at-issue. Defendant's Response Brief, Ex. A P7, RAKTL v. VCI(E.D.Pa. 2002)(01-CV-5627).

Forcing Mr. Babbio to attend a deposition would be a large and unnecessary burden. No one disputes that Mr. Babbio has a very busy schedule and travels extensively. Defendant's Response Brief, Ex. A P10, RAKTL v. VCI(E.D.Pa. 2002)(01-CV-5627). Moreover, VCI has offered RAKTL other witnesses, including other executives. 8 RAKTL's only response to these offers appears to be that these lower level employees do not know the information that RAKTL seeks to discover. However, as stated above, they have not offered any sound basis for concluding that Mr. Babbio has knowledge of any relevant information. Because compelling the deposition of Mr. Babbio would be an undue burden and RAKTL has failed to make use of less intrusive methods of discovery, this portion of RATKL's motion must be denied.

8 This court actually ordered that the depositions of three individuals be taken by the middle of August. Ronald A. Katz Technology v. Verizon Communications Incorporated, No. 01-CV-5627 (E.D.Pa. filed July 17, 2002)(ordering depositions of Thomas Tualke, Albin Moschner, and William Ball). These deposition were not taken by that deadline.

[*19] C. DEPOSITIONS OF MESSRS. GORDON AND MCCALLION

RAKTL's Motion to Compel the depositions of Messrs. Gordon and McCallion is denied because neither of them is a party to this ligation and therefore their depositions may not be noticed. Mr. Gordon is an executive with a Verizon subsidiary, Verizon Services Corporation. Timothy McCallion is an executive of another Verizon subsidiary, Verizon California Incorporated. [HN7] VCI is not required to produce for deposition a person who is not a party. *Trans Pacific Ins.*

Co. v. Trans-Pacific Ins. Co., 136 F.R.D. 385, 392 (E.D.Pa. 1991).

While RAKTL does not dispute that neither Mr. Gordon, nor Mr. McCallion are officers, directors, or employees of VCI, RAKTL claims, nonetheless, that VCI should make them available for deposition as managing agents. There is no reason to believe that either of these two gentlemen exercise any managerial control over VCI. While they may be managing agents of a VCI subsidiary, this does not give them any direct relationship with the Defendant.

D. DEPOSITION UNDER FEDERAL RULE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 30(b)(6)

RAKTL requests that this Court compel a deposition regarding Topic Five of [*20] "Plaintiff's Notices of Deposition Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(b)(6)." This request is reasonably calculated to lead to evidence that may support both the agency and inducement theory of liability. While this request seeks to discover company-wide or nationwide activity, it is limited to VCI's role in directing that activity. These actions go to the heart of any agency liability or inducement of infringement. Accordingly, RAKTL's Motion to compel a deposition pursuant to $Rule\ 30(b)(6)$ is granted.

V. CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, RAKTL's motion to compel is denied in part and granted in part. An appropriate order is attached to this opinion.

ORDER

AND NOW, this day of October, 2002, upon consideration of the Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Discovery (doc. 36), Defendant VCI's response (doc. 42), and Plaintiff's reply (doc. 45) the following is hereby ORDERED:

- 1) VCI shall, within ten (10) days, forward all documents responsive to Plaintiff's Document Requests 8, 9, 10, 11, and 22.
- 2) VCI shall, within ten (10) days, produce all documents responsive to Plaintiff's Document Requests 33, 34, 46, 57, and 58, however, VCI is not compelled to produce [*21] any documents that pertain exclusively to business dealings of VCI's subsidiaries;

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- 3) VCI shall, within ten (10) days, make available for deposition a witness capable of testifying regarding Topic 5 on "Plaintiff's Notices of Deposition Pursuant to *Fed. R. Civ. P.* 30(b)(6)."
- 4) The portion of Plaintiff's motion seeking to compel responses to Plaintiff's Document requests 7, 17, 18, 21, 35, 37, 40, 42, 43, 45, 50, 54, and 56 is DENIED.
- 5) The portion of Plaintiff's Motion seeking to compel the depositions of Lawrence T. Babbio, Mr. Bruce Gordon, and Mr. Timothy McCallion is DENIED;
- 6) Plaintiff's Response Brief to VCI's Summary Judgment Motion shall be due no later than November 4, 2002;
- 7) VCI's Rely Brief shall be due no later than November 11, 2002;
- 8) Oral argument on said motion shall be held on November 19, 2002 at 9:30 AM in Courtroom 13A, United States Courthouse, 601 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19106.